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Hoosiers can now drive 'green and clean' on I-65 biofuels corridor

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Auto Blog Green

<http://www.autobloggreen.com/2008/10/08/i-65-biofuels-corridor-now-officially-open/>

I-65 "Biofuels Corridor" now officially open in Indiana

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Biofuels are still not available everywhere, but the new I-65 "biofuels corridor" means that from the Great Lakes to the Gulf Coast it's now possible to get some ethanol into your flexfuel tank. The corridor officially opened on yesterday with events in Indiana marking the end of a two-year project that began with a \$1.3 million grant from the DOE to improve the E85 infrastructure in the Hoosier state. Basically, this means that there are regularly-spaced E85 pumps along I-65 now. Biodiesel, specifically B20, is also part of the promotion. The list of involved agencies and groups is somewhat numbing: Energy.IN.gov, Central Indiana Clean Cities Alliance, General Motors, South Shore Clean Cities, BioTenn, Kentucky Clean Fuels Coalition, Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition, Indiana Soybean Alliance, Indiana Corn, U.S. Department of Energy and American Lung Association of Indiana.

[Source: American Lung Association of Indiana]

PRESS RELEASE:

American Lung Association of Indiana: Hoosiers Can Now Drive 'Green and Clean' on the I-65 Biofuels Corridor

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 6 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The opening of a four-state "biofuels corridor" along Interstate 65 is good news for supporters of clean air, said the American Lung Association of Indiana. On Tuesday, October 7, a series of special events and promotions in three states will officially mark the completion of the two-year project which began with a \$1.3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to expand biofuels infrastructure in the Hoosier State. Drivers of flexible fuel vehicles can now travel the entire length of I-65 in Indiana and the next E85 station with a quarter of a tank to spare.

The events in Indiana include:

Oct. 7: Family Express, 11880 W. SR 10, Demotte, IN (I-65 exit 230), 9 - 11 a.m.

Oct. 7: Gas City, 7405 Calumet Ave., Hammond, IN, 2 -4 p.m.

Oct. 8: Gas America, 5061 W. Smith Valley Road, Greenwood, IN, 9- 11 a.m.

Oct. 9: Thorton's, 3909 Highway 31 East, Clarksville, IN, 3 - 5 p.m.

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Automotive World

<http://www.automotiveworld.com/AEA/content.asp?contentid=71535>

US: I-65 becomes first 'biofuels corridor'

By Megan Lampinen

13 October, 2008

Source: Automotive World

The US Department of Energy along with officials from Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky and Indiana have declared Interstate 65 as the first biofuels corridor in the country.

Bay Journal

<http://www.bayjournal.com/article.cfm?article=3416>

Fuel For Thought

By Karl Blankenship

If the Bay region can take the lead in developing the "next generation" of biofuels, it may be able to help farmers, forest owners, rural economies and the Chesapeake, all at the same time, according to a new report.

The report envisions a future in which farmers will grow towering stands of biomass-producing plants or fast-growing trees and sell those products to refineries that produce biofuel which will, in turn, help wean the nation from imported oil.

Meanwhile, the extensive root systems of certain biomass plants will absorb nutrients and stabilize sediment that would otherwise reach streams, and ultimately, the Bay.

Likewise, forest land owners could supplement their incomes by selling "slash"-branches and other debris left after harvest. In some areas, that material is simply burned as a means of disposal. The extra profit could help keep forest land from being sold.

"Today, the Chesapeake Bay region has an unprecedented opportunity to take the lead in a new era of energy production that could produce a wealth of positive impacts for our economy, farms and families, as well as our forests, rivers and the Chesapeake Bay," summed up the report, "*Next-Generation Biofuels: Taking the Policy Lead for the Nation*," which was produced by the state of Pennsylvania and the Chesapeake Bay Commission.

Its assessment was echoed by speakers at a Chesapeake Bay summit on cellulosic biofuels that met Sept. 4 in Harrisburg, where the report was released.

"I don't know of another group around the United States that is so organized at this level," said Chris Somerville, director of the Energy Bio Sciences Institute at the University of California-Berkeley, a national leader in biofuels research.

The Earth receives 10,000 times more energy from the sun each year than all of human energy uses, Somerville said. The trick is finding a way to harness it. Biofuels is one of those ways, but Somerville cautioned they are "just one of many technologies that we need to put in place to really address the issue."

Biofuels, though, represent a unique opportunity to mesh a national priority-reducing reliance on imported oil-with Bay cleanup efforts.

"The Chesapeake Bay biofuels effort is very, very important, not just for this region, but for the entire nation," said retired Vice Admiral Dennis McGinn. Now a senior advisor to the American Council Renewable Energy and an international security senior fellow at the Rocky Mountain

Institute, McGinn called the nation's reliance on oil as a "clear and present danger" which presents military, economic and diplomatic problems.

Besides what consumers pay at the pump, gasoline costs roughly another \$2.50 a gallon in indirect costs, such as maintaining military strength required to secure oil supply lines, he said. Meanwhile, a million dollars leave the nation's economy every minute to purchase oil from foreign sources.

The move to biofuels is a "win- win-win" solution, McGinn said, because it reduces dependence on oil, improves energy and economic security and can help the environment. "We need to get started now," he said.

The first steps could come at this year's Chesapeake Executive Council meeting, set for Nov. 20. States have already agreed to develop biofuels action plans by mid-October that follow up on the 20 specific recommendations made the report.

The Executive Council is the top policy-making panel for the Bay cleanup and includes the governors of Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania; the mayor of the District of Columbia; the EPA administrator; and the chairman of the Chesapeake Bay Commission, which represents state legislatures.

"We've queued up a lot of ideas," said Ann Swanson, executive director of the Chesapeake Bay Commission. "But if leadership is really going to occur, then the states really need to step up to the plate and make these recommendations a reality."

Regionally, the emphasis on next- generation biofuels stems from concerns that arose last year when record-high corn prices, spurred in part by increased ethanol demand, caused a surge in corn planting in the watershed.

"First-generation" biofuels can come from a variety of grains, but the vast majority comes from corn, which can degrade water quality in rivers, streams and coastal waters unless aggressive action is taken to curb runoff.

Corn can lose more nitrogen than almost any other crop; up to 30 pounds or more per acre. Scientists say a sharp increase in corn production within the watershed could result in millions of additional pounds of nitrogen reaching the Bay, where it contributes to algae blooms and poor water quality.

That concern is not limited to the Bay. Scientists blamed nitrogen losses from the surge of Midwest corn production last summer for playing a role in this year's near-record "dead zone" in the Gulf of Mexico, which covered 8,000 square miles.

Corn-based ethanol also takes so much energy to plant, harvest and distill that it provides little more energy than it takes to produce. Studies vary, but generally indicate that it also provides little, if any, net reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. The commission's first biofuels report,

published in 2007, reported that a gallon of corn ethanol, when compared to gasoline, represents a 22 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emission, compared with cellulosic ethanol at 91 percent.

Those issues drove interest both in the region, and nationally, toward using next-generation material for ethanol and other biofuels, which can often be grown with less environmental impact and produce more fuel per acre. Most of that emphasis is placed on cellulosic sources for ethanol such as perennial grasses, crop residues and woody material, although next-generation biofuels may also come from sources such as manure and even municipal waste.

Converting cellulosic sources to biofuel requires extra steps in production compared with corn, which makes it less cost-effective, but hundreds of billions of dollars of research is under way which aims to change that in the next few years.

Right now, the report said, there are 55 pilot plants and early commercial ventures under construction in the United States focused on using cellulosic ethanol. Six are in Bay states, including three in New York, two in Pennsylvania and one in Maryland.

Next-generation biofuels are also being pushed by the National Renewable Fuel Standard, which was established in the energy bill Congress passed in 2007. It called for biofuels to supply 36 billion gallons, or 20 percent, of the nation's transportation fuel by 2022, and sets escalating annual targets for each year. This year, 12 billion gallons are to come from corn and similar products, and 950 million gallons are to come from next-generation biofuels.

But the proportion of next-generation biofuels in the mix increases each year, All biofuel growth after 2015 is expected to come from cellulosic ethanol.

At the Executive Council meeting last year, Pennsylvania and the Chesapeake Bay Commission pledged to take the lead in exploring the region's potential for cellulosic biofuel production. Their report was developed with input from a 22-member advisory panel drawn from state and federal agencies, agricultural groups, the biofuel industry, conservation organizations and universities.

It concluded that the region has a big advantage because it has little investment in current corn-based ethanol facilities. That makes it is easier to invest in technologies that turn cellulosic material into fuel.

Further, it is located close to refineries where the ethanol can be blended with gasoline, and close to major East Coast markets. The six states in the Bay watershed use 13.3 percent of the gasoline, 11.8 percent of diesel fuel and 43.3 percent of home heating oil consumed in the nation.

The region's climate and soils are also conducive to growing a wide variety of "feedstocks" for biofuel production. Potential feedstocks include perennial grasses such as switchgrass, which only need to be planted once yet can be harvested annually. They also need little if any fertilizer, resist drought and have extensive root systems that control erosion and absorb nutrients.

A report from the commission last year, "*Biofuels and the Bay*," estimated that growing 300,000 additional acres of corn to meet ethanol demand could result in 5 million additional pounds of nitrogen runoff a year.

But converting 300,000 acres of farm land to switchgrass, primarily from hay fields and pastures, could reduce nitrogen runoff by 8.3 million pounds. A million acres of switchgrass could reduce nitrogen runoff by 25.4 million pounds.

Other potential cellulosic material includes corn stover (stalks and other plant parts left after harvest), forest slash (limbs and other woody material left after harvest), miscanthus (an extremely fast-growing perennial grass native to Asia), and fast-growing trees such as poplars and willows.

The ability to use agricultural byproducts and grow crops of perennial grasses on marginal farmland has the potential to "move farming in the region from a chronically low-margin sector of the local economy into an area of sustainable growth and value-added opportunities," the report said.

A move to cellulosic feedstocks could also provide new incentives to farmers that would help the Bay. The stems of wheat and barley, which can be planted as a cover crop in the fall to absorb excess nutrients left by corn or soybeans, could also be used as cellulosic ethanol.

That would give an economic incentive to plant cover crops instead of relying on state or federal subsidies. "We're talking about very real economic returns that will motivate farmers to plant winter cover crops," Swanson said.

Taking advantage of the region's position, the report said, requires a coordinated set of actions at both the state and regional level. That includes policies, including tax incentives, that encourage the development of cellulosic biofuels in the region and its use.

That also requires refineries for next-

generation ethanol, and adequate roads in rural areas to haul feedstocks to refineries and then to blending facilities where it is mixed with gasoline. Further, the report said, incentives are needed to encourage gas stations to install "blender pumps," which allow drivers to select higher mixes of ethanol.

The report said incentives are needed for gas stations to install such pumps along selected transportation corridors to ensure the availability of higher blends of ethanol for new flex-fuel vehicles, which can burn mixtures of up to 85 percent ethanol, rather than the standard 10 percent. Such a corridor is being created along Interstate 65 from Indianapolis to Mobile, AL.

State legislation can require that certain percentages of the ethanol used in gasoline come from cellulosic ethanol, and provide incentives to people who buy cars that burn higher mixes of

ethanol. A new Pennsylvania law, for instance, increases the proportion of ethanol that must come from cellulosic material as in-state production goes up.

The report suggested that state agencies lead the way by converting their fleets to vehicles that can burn higher blends of ethanol.

But efforts should encourage all next-generation biofuels, not just ethanol. The report noted that helping farms and others to install burners that use biofuels not only produces energy, but encourages farmers to ramp up feedstock production that could eventually help supply ethanol refineries. Pennsylvania already has a program "Fuels for Schools and Beyond," which does just that.

Biofuels could have some downsides, the report cautioned, and state and regional efforts are needed to ensure those efforts are addressed. Some nonnative species used for biomass could become invasive and crowd out native plants, so research is needed to determine whether some plants should be avoided.

Protocols are needed to ensure any land converted to biomass production does not lead to environmental problems.

"If perennial grasses are grown on highly erodible lands, we need to be sure that they are not exacerbating the erosion, but rather are serving the beneficial purposes that we think they can provide," said Bill Matuszeski, a consultant who worked on the report and the former director of the EPA's Bay Program Office. "But anything you are going to be cultivating on highly erodible lands, even if it is a perennial crop, requires some care in making sure that you are not exacerbating erosion problems."

Likewise, if corn stover is being used as a source of cellulosic biofuels, care must be taken that enough of the stalk is left on the ground to prevent erosion and protect the soil.

A recent report from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources expressed concern about using slash from recent harvest sites because the removal of additional material could have significant adverse impacts on forest soils and wildlife habitat.

Any forests harvested specifically for biomass should leave enough material behind to perform those ecological functions, or it would jeopardize the long-term sustainability of the forest, the DCNR report said. It suggested that woodlands damaged by insect infestations or other natural events may be best suited for biomass removal. It also recommended against switching any existing forest land into biomass plantations.

BEN - Bama Environmental News

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<http://www.bamanews.com/2008/10/ben-october-9-2008-309.html>

By Pat Byington America's First Biofuels Corridor Opens In Mobile

Earlier this week, the Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition and the ADECA-Energy Division, in partnership with Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee state governments and busineopened up the nation's first Biofuels Corridor on I-65 beginning in Mobile and ending in Gary, Indiana.

There will now be thirty-two (32) E85 ethanol and eight (8) B20 biodisesel pumps throughout the 886 mile I-65 corridor. Fifteen (15) of the E/85/B20 pumps are located in Alabama. E85 (85% Ethanol and 15% Gasoline) can be used in an vehicle designed to use "Flex Fuels." A guide to determine if your vehicle is Flex-Fuel ready may be found at

<http://www.e85refueling.com> . B20 (20% Biodiesel, 80% petroleum based diesel) may be sued in any diesel enegin.

Alabama has been moving forward on several fronts in the past 2-3 years promoting alternative energy/fuels. Some of those projects have included:

- * City of Hoover is operating 85% of its vehicles on alternative fuels;
- * "Grease to Biodiesel" programs implemented in Hoover, Montgomery, Daphne and Gadsden;
- * City of Auburn's 250 diesel vehicle fleet now uses biodiesel;
- * Gulf Coast Energy opens and produces ethanol at their first cellulosic ethanol demonstration plant in Livingston, Alabama.

Bio Based News

<http://biobased.org/node/18527>

Alabama: E85 Station Coming to Athens Soon

Oct 10, 2008 - By Ellis Eskew, Reporter, NewsChannel 19, WHNT-TV

Property along I-65 at Highway 72 in Athens will soon be a place to fill up. But it won't be your average gas station. "Much cheaper. Not as much octane rating. Not as much energy in a gallon, but it's significantly cheaper," said Bill Johnson, Executive Director of AL Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

Alabama will be a part of a clean corridor project from the Gulf all the way to the Great Lakes. "What we did is say from Gary to Mobile, we need stations within a quarter of a gas tank where people can refuel E85 ethanol or B20 biodiesel," said Mark Bentley, Executive Director of AL Clean Fuels Coalition.

Bio Diesel Equipment

<http://biodieselequipment.net/bio-diesel-renewable-energy/alternative-energy-i-65-first-biofuel-corridor/>

Alternative Energy - I-65 first biofuel corridor

Posted by Bio-Diesel-Fuel on October 16th, 2008 at 01:32pm

I-65 first biofuel corridor

Last week, Interstate 65, which runs from Gary, IN to Mobile, AL was officially dubbed the nation's first biofuel corridor, meaning that those who wish to fill up their flex fuel vehicles with E-85 may do so the entire length of the 866-mile long interstate at any of the 31 stations where E-85 is available.

According to the Chicago Post-Tribune:

Thanks to a \$3.1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy, **31 gas stations along I-65 have at least one pump that carries the alternative fuel**, and 19 of those stations are in Indiana. The idea is to be no more than a quarter tank away from an E85 station.

New signs will debut in a couple weeks, Dorman said, pointing out to motorists which stations carry the E85 blend and where they are.

The more widely available ethanol is, the better. Several states have held grand opening ceremonies as well, which helps to attract more attention to this amazing accomplishment. From Athens, Alabama's News Courier:

Officials with the **Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition and the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs Energy Division**, as well as an Indiana official, joined to **cut the ribbon** at the site of the Athens station on U.S. 72 East.

Officials likened the importance of the opening of the corridor to modern transportation to the **1869 opening of the Transcontinental Railroad**. They said it also shows the U.S. moving away from dependence on foreign oil.

Biodiesel and Ethanol Investing

<http://www.biodieselinvesting.com/biodiesel-archives/2008/10/17/i-65-is-first-biofuels-corridor-in-us/>

Environmental Protection reports that Interstate 65 has become the first biofuels corridor in America. A \$1.3 million federal project is now complete across four states. E85 and B20 are now available along the entire distance of I-65.

Biodiesel and Ethanol Investing

<http://www.biodieselinvesting.com/biodiesel-archives/2008/03/16/senator-updates-progress-of-biofuel-corridor/>

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Biodiesel Information

<http://biodieselplans.blogspot.com/2008/10/interstate-65-is-first-biofuels.html>

Interstate 65 Is The First Biofuels Corridor In The USA

The states of Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama have joined together thanks to some help from the federal government in putting in place a unique project that runs through their borders. Interstate 65, or I-65, is a popular freeway route through the area for both travelers and commercial trucking alike. The route runs from Gary, IN to Mobile, AL and is now the first Biofuels Corridor in the nation. Check out the story [here](#) and see why this area is ahead of the rest of the country in terms of making biofuels available to its travelers.

BioFriendly

<http://biofriendly.com/blog/?s=I+65>

According to this article from [in.gov](#) the I-65, which runs through Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama, is America's First Biofuels corridor. With stations selling the biofuels planned to be located every 100 miles or so along the length of the I-65 to make filling up with biofuels a reality in this part of the country.

If the midwest can do it, what about the rest of the US? There is a wide variety of different ideas and companies that are testing and working out the best biofuels or fuel additives. I'd like to see America's first fuel additive corridor using the [Green Plus®](#) liquid fuel catalyst produced by Biofriendly Corporation. Or how about America's first algae biofuel corridor? Per [this article](#) the next generation of biofuels could be made from algae. Now that's one that I probably wouldn't have thought of myself, but it's definitely an abundant resource, which is always key.

The point is, that resources don't have to be scarce and there are so many ideas out there but unless they are put to the test, they are just ideas. Making a greener environment isn't just a matter of talking about it, but taking the steps needed to make it happen.

BioFuel War

<http://www.biofuelwar.com/2008/10/indiana-holds-special-events-along-i-65-corridor/>
Indiana Holds Special Events Along I-65 Corridor
October 6th, 2008 by BioFuel Forum

Four E85 stations in Indiana held promotions today to celebrating the opening of a four-state “biofuels corridor” along Interstate 65. According to the American Lung Association of Indiana, this will mark completion of the two-year project which began with a \$1.3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to expand biofuels infrastructure in Indiana. Drivers of flexible fuel vehicles can now travel the entire length of I-65 in Indiana and the next E85 station with a quarter of a tank to spare.

The events today included those at the Family Express in Demotte; Gas City in Hammond; Gas America in Greenwood; and Thorton’s in Clarksville.

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BioFuels Digest

<http://biofuelsdigest.com/blog2/2008/10/07/210-station-e85-and-b20-biodiesel-corridor-along-interstate-65-completed-indiana-to-alabama-biofuels-journey-now-feasible/>

210-station E85 and B20 biodiesel corridor along Interstate 65 completed; Indiana-to-Alabama biofuels journey now feasible

October 7, 2008

In Alabama, work has been completed on a 210-station E85 corridor, which offers consumers continuous access to E85 from Gary, IN to Mobile, AL. E85 ethanol and B20 biodiesel is now available along the length of I-65, in a project that started in 2006 by a partnership including the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, the Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition, the the U.S. Department of Energy, General Motors, the Ethanol Promotion and Information Council and other state organizations.

Birmingham Business Journal

<http://www.bizjournals.com/birmingham/stories/2008/10/06/daily7.html?b=1223265600%5e1712496&brthrs=1>

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Consortium opens 13 biofuel stations in Alabama
Birmingham Business Journal - by Lauren B. Cooper Staff

Work is now complete on making Interstate 65, which runs through Alabama, the nation's first biofuels corridor.

E85 ethanol and B20 biodiesel is now available at select fuel retailers the entire length of the Interstate, from Gary, Ind., to Mobile, according to a news release.

The effort is a \$1.3 million federally funded project, which equipped 31 fuel stations accessible to I-65 – 13 of which are in Alabama, 123 in Indiana, 50 in Tennessee and 34 in Kentucky.

The project started in 2006. Statewide partners include the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs and the Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition. Other partners include the U.S. Department of Energy, General Motors, the Ethanol Promotion and Information Council and other state organizations.

E85 is a blend of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline and can be used in any vehicle designed to use FlexFuels. B20 is a blend of 20 percent biodiesel and 80 percent petroleum-based diesel and may be used in diesel engines.

To celebrate the completion, project officials will drive simultaneously north from Mobile and south from Gary, Ind., holding press conferences along the way for three days.

Business Week

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Biofuel: strides made, work still needed [The Evening News and the Tribune, Jeffersonville, Ind.]

Oct. 10--The costs associated with dispensing ethanol are still high. Demand, while growing, is still relatively low. And the infrastructure that would facilitate motorists' switch to biofuel is still out of reach for many.

Those were among the conclusions delivered Thursday by U.S., state and business officials during a biofuels conference in Jeffersonville.

Despite some of the problems, the usage and market for the plant-based fuel is growing through the efforts of those entities.

The poster child is Interstate 65.

Three years ago, the U.S. Department of Transportation set out to make Interstate 65 -- from Indiana to Alabama -- the United States first biofuels corridor.

At the end of 2005, there were no E-85 pumps in Indiana, explained Cary Aubry, who works in the state's Office of Energy and Defense.

E-85 is a fuel blend that contains 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline. It can only be used in specially designed flex-fuel vehicles.

A year later, there were 57 pumps. Now, there are 125 pumps, making Indiana third in the nation in the number of those pumps.

"Education is starting to come around. Everybody is starting to understand what this product is," Aubry said.

The growth has been facilitated by a U.S. grant program that helps fuel retailers outfit their stations with E-85 pumps, said Mike Scarpino, Regional Clean Cities Project Manager, with the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Nationwide, there are 1,500 E-85 pumps -- many of which are in the Midwest. The project to facilitate that switch was largely related to concerns about the amount of foreign oil being consumed by U.S. drivers.

Americans were upset about the \$700 billion that was authorized last week to bailout Wall Street, Scarpino said.

"We don't even think about the \$400 billion we send overseas year after year [on oil]."

One of the early adopters of the program was Thortons Gas and Petroleum. Though, the adoption has not been without its problems.

Installing E-85 dispensers became a very expensive proposition for the company. And the decision to even bother with it became tougher as questions about the efficiency, viability and marketability of ethanol became a topic of debate.

"If you don't have any of that information, it's very difficult to decide to spend tens of thousands on equipment that may not be used," said Jeff Gallic, vice president of petroleum supply and distribution for the Louisville-based company.

Gallic said the grant program -- along with increasing fuel prices -- makes it a much easier decision. The company is continuing with the expansion by recently installing new E-85 pumps in the Louisville area.

However, there is no silver-bullet solution for the reduction of gasoline usage, said Brian Hazen, biofuels program manager at General Motors Corp. Its usage is a part of a multipronged approach for the automaker that also includes hybrids, electric cars and hydrogen fuel cell.

In the short term, "we see biofuels offering the greatest opportunity to displace a serious amount of petroleum," he said.

In order for it to take off, however, availability of the fuel will have to increase.

GLOSSARY

--Ethanol -- An alcohol-based alternative fuel made from corn or other crops.

--E-85 -- A fuel blend that contains 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline. It can only be used in specially designed flex-fuel vehicles.

--Flex-fuel vehicle -- A vehicle specially designed to run on any ethanol blend up to 85 percent ethanol. Special on-board diagnostics read the fuel blend, enabling drivers to fuel with E85 or gasoline in any combination. The computer adjusts the vehicle's fuel injection and ignition timing to compensate for the different fuel mixtures.

-- Indiana Department of Agriculture LOCAL E-85 PUMPS --Makowski Oil, 1626 Fabriceon Blvd., Jeffersonville

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“America’s First Biofuels Corridor” complete

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Interstate 65 is now “America’s First Biofuels Corridor”, with E85 ethanol and B20 biodiesel available from Gary, Indiana to Mobile, Alabama, according to the Green Car Congress. The fuels are available for the entire 886-mile (1,425 km) length of the interstate, with a driver no more than a quarter of a tank’s drive away from a participating E85 retailer.

The US\$1.3 million federal project began in 2006 and involved Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama, the four states through which I-65 travels, and funded 31 E85 stations and five B20 stations, along with one biodiesel blending facility on the Indiana/Ohio border. In 2005, there were no stations for either fuel along the highway.

To mark the project’s completion, project officials and partners drove as two groups from the north and south ends of the highway and met in Clarksville, Indiana on October 9. The partners include the U.S. Department of Energy, the Indiana Office of Energy and Defense Development, the Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition, the America Lung Association of Indiana, the Ethanol Promotion and Information Council, and General Motors.

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More Biofuel Pumps Planned for Interstate 65

October 6, 2008

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) - Officials plan to open more biofuels pumps for use by motorists on Interstate 65 in a distance from Mobile to Gary, Ind.

Alabama is slated for eight biofuels pumps with E85 ethanol and B20 biodiesel, including the two recently opened pumps in Mobile.

A "Clean Corridor" kickoff event is planned for 10 a.m. Tuesday at the site of a Government Boulevard station off I-65 in the port city.

Elected officials will be joined by Kathy Hornsby of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs energy division, Ford's Fuel president Don Evans and Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition director Mark Bentley.

The Chattanooga

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Commissioner Nicely: Green Islands Growing In Tennessee
by Commissioner Gerald Nicely
posted October 7, 2008

As Texans braced for the impact of Hurricane Ike in September, most Tennesseans had no idea the effect Ike would have on our state. Not since the 1970's have Tennesseans had to wait in long gas lines. The entire scene brought into stark focus Tennessee's major dependence on gasoline.

In this environment, it is imperative that the state look at other energy options, such as biofuels. Today, we are well on our way toward making biofuels a real option for Tennesseans. The Governor's Alternative Fuels Working Group has developed recommendations for a comprehensive alternative fuels strategy for the state and many key pieces to the plan are already in place.

One major initiative has been Tennessee's investment in developing technology to produce ethanol from substances like switchgrass and corn cobs and stalks. It's commonly called cellulosic ethanol. Next week Governor Bredesen will join the University of Tennessee and DuPont Danisco to break ground on a first of its kind pilot-scale ethanol biorefinery. When complete, this facility will produce ethanol in a way that is cheaper than current methods from two different biomass feedstocks – switchgrass and corn stover, which includes corn cobs, leaves, stalks, and fiber.

You may wonder who can use biofuels? Many vehicles on the road today are capable of running on either ethanol or biodiesel. Biodiesel such as B20 can be used in most diesel engines with no modifications, making it an excellent option for diesel drivers, while all gasoline vehicles can run on a 10% ethanol/90% gasoline blend. In addition, almost 90,000 Tennesseans drive flex-fuel vehicles, which are capable of running on either gasoline or an 85% ethanol/15% gasoline blend, or E85. Currently eight major car manufacturers offer 58 different vehicle models that can run on E85. For the most recent list, visit www.e85fuel.com.

TDOT's key role in this effort is helping expand the availability of biofuels. In 2006, TDOT initiated the Green Island Corridor grant program to provide incentives for retail stations to offer biofuels. Today, 40 stations in the state offer biofuels, and many more will be opening soon. Our goal is to establish biofuels stations no more than 100 miles apart along all our major interstates by 2010.

On Oct. 8, we joined Indiana, Kentucky and Alabama to announce Interstate 65 as America's First Biofuels Corridor. Today, a motorist can drive from the Great Lakes to the Gulf Coast entirely on biofuels. The corridor was made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy and a strong partnership with the other states.

Tennessee has some distinct advantages as America strives to meet its current energy challenge. Our central location and quality transportation system make us an important hub, and our universities and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory are leaders in biosciences and bioenergy research. Tennessee is poised to lead the region, if not the nation, in alternative fuels technology.

Check Bio Tech – Bio Energy

http://bioenergy.checkbiotech.org/news/2008-10-09/I-65_becomes_U.Ss_first_biofuels_corridor/

I-65 becomes U.S's first biofuels corridor

October 9, 2008

By Cynthia Williams

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Tennessee Department of Transportation Commissioner Gerald Nicely and officials from Alabama, Kentucky and Indiana and the U.S. Department of Energy announced on Wednesday that Interstate 65 is America's first biofuels corridor.

From the Great Lakes to the Gulf Coast, Americans now have the opportunity to travel the entire 886 miles of I-65 by using alternative fuels.

"Tennessee has already been working to make these clean, renewable biofuels available to more motorists traveling in our state," said Gov. Phil Bredesen. "I'm pleased to see us join forces with other states to make Interstate 65 the first corridor in the country to make biofuels widely available."

To mark the event, Tri-Star Energy Daily's retail fueling station on Long Hollow Pike in Goodlettsville offered drivers E85 fuel for \$1.85 and B20 for \$3.20. Another station that is part of the new I-65 corridor is a Daily's Shell in Green Hills.

Currently 40 retail stations in Tennessee offer E85 and/or B20 for a total of 22 E85 pumps and 27 B20 pumps. Several more are slated to open soon, TDOT said in a press release.

"In this environment, it is imperative that the state look at other energy options, such as biofuels. Today, through the governor's BioTenn Initiative and grants like these from the U.S. Department of Energy, we are well on our way toward making biofuels a real option for Tennesseans," said Nicely.

E85, a blend of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline, may only be used in a flex fuel vehicle. These vehicles are designed to use a range of fuels from gasoline to E85.

B20, a blend of 20 percent biodiesel and 80 percent petroleum-based diesel, may be used in any diesel engine with no modification. Ethanol is a distilled alcohol-based fuel derived from grain crops such as corn or biomass.

Biodiesel is produced from plants that produce oil, such as soybeans, as well as animal fats and restaurant grease.

Chesapeake Bay

The report, "Next- Generation Biofuels: Taking the Policy Lead for the Nation," can be found on the Chesapeake Bay Commission's web site at www.chesbay.state.va.us.

Recommendations from the Next- Generation Biofuels Report

Regional Actions

Coordinate regional efforts to secure federal funding for biofuels through the Farm Bill and other federal programs.

Coordinate regional input on U.S. Department of Agriculture conservation programs that promote sustainable feedstock production and harvest. For example, the region could promote efforts that open some conservation lands to biofuels production as long as conservation goals for that land would continue to be met.

Discourage the use of invasive nonnative feedstocks. The region should agree to a long-term protocol that discourages the introduction and use of invasive nonnative species as feedstocks for next-generation biofuels.

Encourage local or on-farm use of biomass. Using biomass for combustion and gasification at the local or farm level should be encouraged both as an energy source and to help build the regional market and infrastructure for cellulosic biofuels.

Develop a regional carbon trading strategy that addresses biofuels. For example, efforts are needed to better quantify the potential for various feedstocks to sequester carbon in this region so that farmers growing them receive credit in future cap-and-trade programs.

Coordinate as a region to affect national energy policy. The region's congressional delegation and state legislatures should collectively push to ensure that the nation's energy policy places emphasis on cellulosic biofuels, including subsidies that level the field with other fuels until they become cost-effective and can compete in the marketplace with petroleum fuels.

Establish a regional analytical framework for biofuels development that would analyze the region's potential for feedstock productions, limitations such as water supply, competing land uses, infrastructure needs, and other issues as well as potential economic benefits to provide accurate and reliable information to decision makers.

Establish a regional strategy to encourage greater use of higher blends of biofuels. This could include incentives to purchase vehicles that use higher blends and the installation of blender pumps, which allow consumers to select higher blends of biofuels.

Establish regional research priorities for next-generation biofuels for research institutions, such as quantifying potential nitrogen reduction and carbon sequestration capabilities of various fuels, as well as techniques to improve feedstock varieties.

Implement a regional outreach effort to promote next-generation biofuels to ensure that the national and global markets are aware of the advantages of the Chesapeake region to produce the next generation of biofuels, such as its the ability of its climate and soil to grow a diverse number of feedstocks.

State Actions

Communicate consistent messages about the benefits of next-generation biofuels to the public, including cellulosic biofuels, and the importance of their sustainable production to help counter public confusion about differences between biofuels.

Encourage winter cover crops as the first-generation feedstocks, such as hulless barley, during the transition to advanced biofuels as they can help reduce erosion and nutrient loss from fields and boost farm income.

Assure the broad and effective use of best management practices for growing and harvesting feedstocks to reduce environmental impacts and loss of habitat.

Establish or update state removal guidelines for crop residues and forest slash and provide incentives for their adoption. Crop residues such as corn stover and forest slash left after harvest hold great potential for cellulosic biofuels, but excess removal could impact long-term soil quality, erosion control, wildlife habitat and nutrient loadings to streams.

Provide incentives for creating and implementing forest management plans for any forest landowner who provides biomass or fast-growing trees for biofuel feedstock to help ensure long-term sustainability. Unique forests with important conservation, historic and social values should be preserved.

Encourage the sustainable production of next-generation feedstocks on abandoned or underused land such as reclaimed mine land or unused farm land. The extensive root structure of perennial plants allow them to grow on marginal lands with limited fertilizer and other inputs where traditional row crops would be difficult to maintain.

Ensure that the nursery and seed industry has adequate supplies of seed and plant stocks to support biofuel feedstock production.

Facilitate the production and purchase of biofuels through consumer incentives and infrastructure development. A viable biofuel industry requires adequate road systems to deliver feedstocks to refineries and biofuels to blenders. Blending pumps need to be made available at gas stations so consumers can purchase higher mixes of biofuels. States can provide incentives for the purchase of vehicles that use higher blends of biofuels, as well as purchase those vehicles for their own fleets.

States should make creative use of their economic development programs to support the development of feedstocks and refining facilities for next-generation biofuels.

Focus support on small, first-stage operations such as pilot plants for advance biofuels. Many existing federal programs focus either on research, or full-scale production.

Clean MPG

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I-65 gets Clean Corridor program

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Eight biofuels pumps will be in Alabama, including one in Athens, which [..]

The Decatur Daily

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Athens joins Clean Corridor, to sell biofuels

By Holly Hollman

Staff Writer

Daily photo by Holly Hollman

Don Evans' station in Athens will sell biofuels.

ATHENS — Athens is a stop on the nation's first Clean Corridor, an effort that state leaders said will reduce pollution and make the nation less dependent on foreign countries for fuel.

On Wednesday, state leaders held a ribbon cutting on U.S. 72 east of Interstate 65 at the future site of a biofuel service station.

The I-65 Clean Corridor is 866 miles between Mobile and Gary, Ind., where motorists can purchase biofuel along the interstate at cities including Athens. Fifteen stations will be on the interstate in Alabama, three in Tennessee, three in Kentucky and 19 in Indiana.

Sen. Parker Griffith, D-Huntsville, who is chairman of the Biofuels Subcommittee, said the project is a national security issue.

He said these efforts will help "wean ourselves off foreign countries" and provide economic stability. Since Alabama's farmers can produce the fuel source, it also will improve the state's status after disasters strike. For example: Hurricanes Katrina and Ike limited gasoline availability and drove up prices.

Don Evans, owner of Ford's Fuel, said his Athens station should open by Dec. 31. He said he'll build it in phases and will offer E10 fuel, which any vehicle can use; E85, which flex fuel vehicles can use; and biodiesel, which any diesel vehicle can use.

Biofuels are produced from soybeans and other crops that produce oil.

Evans said most ethanol now is derived from crops raised in the Midwest. He said it is transported here by train and truck, and mixed with gasoline and diesel.

Evans owns biofuel stations in Mobile and Newport, Miss.

"The Newport one was our first, and that's where the company name comes from because we located it at the Ford's ice cream plant," he said. \$2.859 vs. \$3.489

Evans said E85 is selling for \$2.859 in Mobile. In comparison, the price of unleaded regular at the Raceway in Athens, adjacent to the biofuel station site, was \$3.489 on Wednesday.

Domestic Fuel

<http://domesticfuel.com/2008/10/08/fill-er-up-with-biodiesel-ethanol-on-i-65/>

October 8th, 2008

Fill 'er Up with Biodiesel & Ethanol on I-65

Posted by John Davis

You can now travel from the Great Lakes to the Gulf Coast, entirely on biodiesel and ethanol.

This story from WSMV-TV in Nashville, Tenn. says officials from Alabama, Kentucky, Indiana and Tennessee, along with representatives from the federal Department of Energy, joined together to dedicate Interstate 65 as America's first biofuels corridor:

"Tennessee has already been working to make these clean, renewable biofuels available to more motorists traveling in our state," said Gov. Phil Bredesen. "I'm pleased to see us join forces with other states to make Interstate 65 the first corridor in the country to make biofuels widely available."

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You can read more about I-65: America's Biofuels Corridor by clicking [here](#).

Domestic Fuel

<http://domesticfuel.com/2008/10/06/indiana-holds-special-events-along-i-65-corridor/>

October 6th, 2008

Indiana Holds Special Events Along I-65 Corridor

Posted by Michelle Kautz

Four E85 stations in Indiana held promotions today to celebrating the opening of a four-state “biofuels corridor” along Interstate 65. According to the American Lung Association of Indiana, this will mark completion of the two-year project which began with a \$1.3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to expand biofuels infrastructure in Indiana. Drivers of flexible fuel vehicles can now travel the entire length of I-65 in Indiana and the next E85 station with a quarter of a tank to spare.

The events today included those at the Family Express in Demotte; Gas City in Hammond; Gas America in Greenwood; and Thorton’s in Clarksville.

“The American Lung Association of Indiana joined in this celebration because vehicles that use E85 and B20 biodiesel instead of traditional petroleum fuels produce significantly less emissions that can be harmful to lung health,” said Brett Aschliman, health promotions manager for the American Lung Association of Indiana.

Other corridor partners included: Energy.IN.gov, Central Indiana Clean Cities Alliance, General Motors, South Shore Clean Cities, BioTenn, Kentucky Clean Fuels Coalition, Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition, Indiana Soybean Alliance, Indiana Corn, US Department of Energy and American Lung Association of Indiana.

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AL Could Be Home to First Biofuel Corridor

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Governor Riley Helps Alabama's "Clean Corridor" Move Forward
Ethanol and biodiesel fuel pumps added at two Mobile stations on I-65

MOBILE – An effort to make Interstate 65 in Alabama the nation's first biofuel corridor moved forward Friday when Governor Bob Riley helped open new fuel pumps at two Mobile gas stations that dispense E-85 ethanol and B-20 biodiesel.

"Their opening today means drivers in this area have a less expensive fueling option that is better for our environment and helps reduce our dependence on foreign oil," said Governor Riley at the Ford's Fuel station on Airport Boulevard.

The second station in Mobile offering the alternative fuels is located on Government Boulevard.

They join a Shell station off I-65 in Vestavia Hills that are part of the Clean Corridor initiative Governor Riley helped launch last year with a \$312,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Energy. The grant covers 50 percent of the cost for a fuel retailer to add the infrastructure necessary to offer the alternative fuels.

Governor Riley said other stations along I-65 – at the Brewton exit and in Montgomery, Prattville, Warrior and Athens – will be joining those in Mobile and Vestavia Hills by offering the biofuels within weeks.

"We originally planned to place six E-85 and five B-20 retail outlets along I-65 in Alabama, but we will exceed our goal. We will instead be placing seven E-85 and eight B-20 outlets," said Governor Riley.

The Clean Corridor along Interstate 65 will be the nation's first biofuels corridor providing the public with E-85 and B-20 fueling options. When complete, drivers of flexible fuel vehicles and diesel vehicles will never be farther than a tank away from an E-85 or biodiesel pump along I-65.

"Nearly 7,000 Mobile-area residents own flex-fuel vehicles that can be run solely on gasoline, solely on E-85, or any combination of the two," said Mobile Mayor Sam Jones, who joined Governor Riley at the Airport Boulevard station. "E-85 offers consumers a choice that can help lower our dependence on foreign oil."

Protec Fuel Management worked with Ford's Fuel to design and build the station and is supplying the E-85 and B-20. Promotional efforts, labels and displays at the stations were provided by the Ethanol Promotional and Information Council. The effort between stations, suppliers and government agencies was coordinated by the Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition, based in Birmingham.

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) partnered with the

Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition to select the service stations where alternative fuel pumps will be added.

“By opening these ethanol and biodiesel pumps in Mobile, our state takes an important step toward wider commercial availability of biofuels,” said ADECA Director Bill Johnson. “We have made the promotion of alternative fuels a priority at ADECA because we believe Alabama has the potential to become a leader in the biofuels industry.”

Typically, a gallon of E-85 is cheaper than a gallon of gasoline. The lower price of ethanol accommodates any expected loss in gas mileage. E-85 costs are dictated by their proximity to an ethanol production facility. The nearer a station is to a plant, the cheaper the price tends to be. With the recent opening of a cellulosic ethanol production demonstration facility in Livingston, Mobile and other Alabama E-85 stations could potentially see lower E-85 prices in the future.

“Sort of like the chicken and egg, we often get asked which needs to come first to increase the use of E-85 – more E-85 infrastructure or more flex-fuel vehicles,” said Mark Bentley, Executive Director of the Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition. “We think they are walking hand-in-hand. Automotive makers are providing more flex-fuel vehicle options; consumers are buying more of these vehicles; at the same time, we have more production facilities and stations opening. Regardless of where it begins, the results are the same: less dependence on oil, more local jobs, and a cleaner environment.”

To celebrate the addition of the alternative fuel pumps, the station’s owner – Ford’s Fuels, LLC – offered E-85 for 85 cents a gallon from 11 a.m. to noon on Friday. The rest of the day motorists paid only \$2.85 a gallon for the plant-based alternative fuel.

E-85 is 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline. Ethanol is a distilled alcohol-based fuel that is derived from starch crops like corn and mixed with gasoline to fuel vehicles. B-20 biodiesel is made from soybean and other crops that produce oil and can be used in diesel engines.

Eco Friendly Mag

<http://www.ecofriendlymag.com/sustainable-transportation-alternative-fuel/interstate-65-is-americas-first-biofuels-corridor/>

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I-65 becomes biofuel corridor

10 Oct 2008

Flex-fuel vehicle owners can now fill up with E85 ethanol through the entire length of I-65, from Gary, Indiana to the Gulf of Mexico.

Thanks to a \$3.1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy, 31 gas stations along I-65 have at least one pump that carries the alternative fuel, and 19 of those stations are in Indiana. The idea is to be no more than a quarter tank away from an E85 station.

Environmental Protection

<http://www.eponline.com/articles/68348/>

Interstate 65 Called America's First Biofuels Corridor

October 14, 2008

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This \$1.3-million federal project involved Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama, the four states through which I-65 travels. To mark the completion of the project, project officials and partners conducted a Fall Corridor Drive, Oct. 7-9.

"Indiana has been a leader in biofuels accessibility along the I-65 corridor and across the state," said Gov. Mitch Daniels. "This initiative is making it even easier for those who travel in Indiana and other states in the heartland to make fueling decisions that have a positive impact on our energy independence."

In 2005, there were no E85 or B20 fueling stations along I-65. With the completion of this project, there are 31 refueling stations easily accessible from the interstate. Overall, Indiana now has 123 biofuels refueling locations, Tennessee has 50, Kentucky has 34, and Alabama has 13. Those lists continue to expand.

The project, which was started in 2006, partially funded infrastructure improvements to allow the sale of E85, B20, or both at fuel retailers along the corridor. Partners in the project include the U.S. Department of Energy, the Indiana Office of Energy & Defense Development, the State of Tennessee BIOTENN Partnership, the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, the Central Indiana Clean Cities Alliance, Inc., South Shore Clean Cities, Inc., the Indiana Soybean Alliance, Indiana Corn Growers Association, America Lung Association of Indiana, the Kentucky Clean Fuels Coalition, the Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition, General Motors, and the Ethanol Promotion and Information Council.

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Ethanol Producer

http://www.ethanolproducer.com/article.jsp?article_id=4904

Biofuels corridor opens along I-65

By Erin Voegelé

Oct. 10, 2008

From Indiana to Alabama, drivers traveling along Interstate 65 can now access E85 along the entire stretch of interstate. Beginning Oct. 7, a series of events officially marked the completion of the two-year project, which began with a \$1.3 million grant from the U.S. DOE to expand biofuels infrastructure in Indiana.

Events in Indiana were held in Demotte and Hammond on Oct. 7, in Greenwood Oct. 8, and Clarksville Oct. 9. As part of the promotion, the American Lung Association of Indiana offered drivers E85 fuel discount cards and consumer information on biofuels.

According to Brett Aschliman, health promotions manager for the American Lung Association of Indiana, simultaneous promotional events took place in Alabama. The Indiana team worked its way south, while the Alabama team worked its way north. Oct. 9 the teams met for a grand celebration in Clarksville, Ind., which is near the Kentucky border. The events received a positive response from their respective communities. “We’ve been welcomed with open arms,” Aschliman said.

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The Examiner

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Biofuels Corridor joins Great Lakes to the Gulf

By DAVE BLOWER JR.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Those traveling Interstate 65 from Gary, Ind. to Mobile, Ala. now have the ability to make the entire trek on E85 fuel, thus making it America's first Biofuels Corridor.

E85, a mix of 85 percent corn-based ethanol and 15 percent petroleum-based gasoline, has been touted as a clean, domestic source of fuel for motor vehicles. Similarly, B20 (which is a mix of 20 percent soybean-based diesel fuel and 80 percent petroleum-based diesel) is supposed to be better for the environment and good for farmers.

However, the availability of either biofuel at retail pumps has been scarce.

Through the coordination of more than a dozen partners, the Indiana Office of Energy and Defense (IOED) led an effort to make sure that there is a retail E85 pump for every quarter-tank of fuel for motorists along the 886 miles I-65. The IOED was awarded a \$1.3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to administer a program that would bring E85 and B20 retail pumps to I-65 exits.

Government agencies and other partners from Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama all assisted in this effort.

Barry Seitz, the director of the Indiana Office of Energy and Defense, said this effort is noteworthy – in part – because of its location.

He said many Western states have been more proactive at integrating biofuels for their motorists.

“No offense to them, but we didn't need the traditionally strong ethanol states of Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota telling us what to do,” Seitz said. “This was something that we had to figure out on our own. This is something we should all look at – federal, state and local – and feel really proud of.”

Through the IOED program, 31 E85 and five B20 pumps were added along the Biofuels Corridor in the four states. Specifically, the following number of retail pumps were installed:

- 19 E85 pumps in Indiana
- One E85 pump in Kentucky
- Two E85 pumps in Tennessee
- Eight E85 and B20 pumps in Alabama

The high volume of new pumps in southern Indiana was by design. Kellie Walsh, the executive director of the Central Indiana Clean Cities Alliance and South Shore Clean Cities, Inc., said program administrators studied the precise locations of where new pumps should be located.

“We had to sit back and decide where can we put stations up that are going to do us some good, and southern Indiana was it,” Walsh explained.

To celebrate the new Biofuels Corridor, a news conference and open house is scheduled for 3-5 p.m., Oct. 9 at the Thornton’s station in Clarksville, Ind. Seitz said, even though partners will be driving north on I-65 from Alabama to join in the celebration, the appropriate spot to tout the accomplishment was in southern Indiana.

The fuel retailers that participated in building the Corridor include Family Express, GasAmerica, Speedway, Gas City and Good Oil in Indiana; Thornton’s in Indiana and Kentucky; TriStar Energy LLC of Tennessee; and Hons International, McPherson Co. and Merritt Oil Co. of Alabama.

Walsh said other sponsors of the effort include the Indiana Soybean Alliance, Indiana Corn, the Kentucky Clean Fuels Coalition, BioTenn, the Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition, the Ethanol Promotion and Information Council and the Clean Air Choice of the American Lung Assoc.

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Biofuel: strides made, work still needed

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MOBILE, Ala. (AP) - Officials plan to open more biofuels pumps for use by motorists on Interstate 65 in a distance from Mobile to Gary, Indiana.

Alabama is slated for eight biofuels pumps with E85 ethanol and B20 biodiesel, including the two recently opened pumps in Mobile.

A "Clean Corridor" kickoff event is planned for 10 a.m. today at the site of a Government Boulevard station off I-65 in the port city.

Elected officials will be joined by Kathy Hornsby of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs energy division, Ford's Fuel president Don Evans and Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition director Mark Bentley.

Gadsden Times

Biofuels to be more widely available

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By Dana Beyerle

Times Montgomery Bureau

PRATTVILLE — Alabama on Tuesday joined the Interstate 65 Biofuels Corridor that soon will have service stations selling alternative gasoline and diesel fuel from Lake Michigan to the Gulf of Mexico.

At events in Prattville and Mobile on Tuesday, the Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition promoted Alabama's availability of biofuels designed to cut foreign energy dependence and provide markets for corn, soybeans and other plant material. Similar events are planned in three other states and in Athens and Vestavia Hills today.

"Increasing the availability of biofuels is the right thing to do for our environment, our economy, and our national security," Gov. Bob Riley said in a statement.

At a USA Travel Center in Prattville where biofuel was touted at a news conference, station manager Beverly Cillery said both E85-ethanol and B20 biodiesel will be available by Thanksgiving. "There will be signs posted at the exits and signs at the service stations," Cillery said.

E85-ethanol is a blend of 85 percent ethanol made from plants or grain, and 15 percent gasoline. It can only be used in vehicles that are designated for flex fuel or E85-ethanol.

B20 biodiesel is made from animal fat or vegetable oil and can be used in vehicles that run on diesel fuel. It can also be blended with petroleum-based diesel fuel.

In Alabama, biofuel is or will be available at I-65 exits in Athens, Vestavia Hills, Montgomery, and Mobile, by Jan. 1. Biofuel is available now in some locations including Tuscaloosa, Vestavia Hills and Mobile, officials said. A national Web site lists other biofuel locations.

Mark Bentley, executive director of the Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition, said E85-ethanol was \$2.85 a gallon in Mobile, 44 cents less than unleaded regular gasoline at an independent station near the Prattville news conference location.

He said E85-ethanol burns cleaner than gasoline but it does not have quite the performance as gasoline. He said the lower price makes up for the difference.

Bentley said the goal is to have eight biofuel pumps in Alabama open by Jan. 1. He said the I-65 Biofuels Corridor will have biofuel pumps no more than one-quarter fuel tank apart.

Station owners were able to receive grants of \$20,000 for installing one alternative fuel pump or \$50,000 for both E85-ethanol and B20 diesel pumps, he said.

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Riley agreement to help with gasoline

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Gov. Bob Riley has agreed with Mississippi and Louisiana to help speed gasoline and diesel fuel shipments into Alabama, Riley's office said. The agreement waives certain regulations for Alabama-based trucks hauling gasoline and diesel fuel from Louisiana to Alabama. "Although the situation has improved, there are still some Alabama communities that are facing fuel shortages due to the damage caused by recent hurricanes in the Gulf," he said. "This agreement allows us to take sensible action to ease the burden some drivers face in finding fuel for their vehicles, especially in our rural areas." The agreement applies only to Alabama-based trucks obtaining gasoline and diesel fuel from bonded suppliers in Louisiana, Riley said. Trucks must be marked with prominent windshield signs stating "Hurricane Motor Fuels Transport Relief." Some areas of Alabama have fuel shortages lingering from Hurricane Gustav.

Ethanol, biodiesel on the way

Even though your car or truck, especially if they're newer models, be able to run on 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline, you might not have ever filled up with E85 fuel or B20 biodiesel fuel because until recently there's not been any available. That's changing, with E85 stations at Interstate 65 exits in Athens, Hoover and Prattville. The state is trying to get more E85 pumps, and on Tuesday there's a summit meeting to discuss alternative fuel. General Motors, the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs and the Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition are sponsoring a Biofuels Summit in conjunction with the opening of Americas First Biofuels Corridor from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Teds Garage in Birmingham, ADECA said. The I-65 Biofuels Corridor means cross-country availability of E85 ethanol and B20 biodiesel fuel. It stretches from Lake Michigan to the Gulf of Mexico. ADECA said completion of the corridor means a motorist will not be more than a quarter of a tank away from an E85 or B20 pump. Panelists will talk about the next generation of ethanol, the research and development in the Southeast and Alabama. Speakers will be Candace Wheeler, technical fellow, General Motors' Research and Development Center; Larry Fillmer, executive director, Auburn University Natural Resources Management and Development Institute; and Mark L. Warner, president and chief executive officer, Gulf Coast Energy Inc., ADECA said.

Trouble with economic body

Quote of the Week: "If you view the economy as a physical body, the financial services industry is the heart and there's trouble in the aortic valve, a blockage in the credit market, and that affects every aspect of our economy if there's not a sufficient flow of credit throughout the economy," said Robert Brooks, a finance professor at the University of Alabama, discussing the proposed \$700 billion financial industry bailout.

Kelly named administrator

Boyd Kelly, government affairs director for the Alabama Forestry Association and administrator of the ForestFund workers compensation insurance fund for the forest products industry, has been named full-time administrator of the ForestFund, the association said. Kelly has been with the Forestry Association for 31 years. The ForestFund board of trustees voted to restructure the fund created in 1969 to provide workers' compensation insurance, the association said. Today it's an \$18 million fund covering more than 800 members, the association said. Kelly, who had served as part-time administrator, and Mike Moore, who had been part-time fund accountant, now will be full-time staff members. The fund also will get an underwriter and a marketing director, the association said. "While change may not always be easy, it is a necessary part of what we do," said Forestry Association Executive Director Chris Isaacson.

NASA reauthorization important

President Bush has NASA reauthorization legislation on his desk, legislation important to north Alabama. U.S. Rep. Bud Cramer, D-Huntsville, said the House passed reauthorization legislation last weekend at a funding level of \$20.2 billion. The legislation originally passed the House but was amended by the Senate. The House approved the Senate change Sept. 27. "I am proud that the Congress voted to send this legislation to the president before my final term in Congress ends," Cramer said. "I am pleased that one of my final votes in Congress will give NASA the resources it needs to sustain programs and research initiatives that are critical to keeping America at the forefront of space exploration." NASA has a major facility in Huntsville, the Marshall Space Flight Center. Cramer is retiring from Congress in January after 18 years.

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I-65 "Biofuels Corridor" now officially open in Indiana

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Last week, Interstate 65, which runs from Gary, IN to Mobile, AL was officially dubbed the nation’s first biofuel corridor, meaning that those who wish to fill up their flex fuel vehicles with E-85 may do so the entire length of the 866-mile long interstate at any of the 31 stations where E-85 is available.

According to the Chicago Post-Tribune:

Thanks to a \$3.1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy, 31 gas stations along I-65 have at least one pump that carries the alternative fuel, and 19 of those stations are in Indiana. The idea is to be no more than a quarter tank away from an E85 station.

New signs will debut in a couple weeks, Dorman said, pointing out to motorists which stations carry the E85 blend and where they are.

The more widely available ethanol is, the better. Several states have held grand opening ceremonies as well, which helps to attract more attention to this amazing accomplishment. From Athens, Alabama’s News Courier:

Officials with the Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition and the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs Energy Division, as well as an Indiana official, joined to cut the ribbon at the site of the Athens station on U.S. 72 East.

Officials likened the importance of the opening of the corridor to modern transportation to the 1869 opening of the Transcontinental Railroad. They said it also shows the U.S. moving away from dependence on foreign oil.

Green Car Congress

<http://www.greencarcongress.com/2008/10/i-65-biofuel-co.html>

I-65 Biofuel Corridor from Indiana to Alabama Complete

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Interstate 65 is now “America’s First Biofuels Corridor” with the conclusion of a project to make E85 Ethanol and B20 Biodiesel available the entire 886-mile length of the Interstate, from Gary, Indiana to Mobile, Alabama. A driver is now no more than a quarter of a tank’s drive from a participating E85 retailer.

The \$1.3 million federal project involved Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama, the four states through which I-65 travels. The project funded 31 E85 and five B20 stations in the states and one biodiesel blending facility on the Indiana-Ohio border. Indiana has 19 E85 pumps; Kentucky has one E85 pump; Tennessee has two E85 pumps; Alabama has eight E85/B20 pumps.

To mark the completion of the project, project officials and partners conducted a Fall Corridor Drive, 7-9 October 2008. One group started from Mobile and drove north, the other started in Gary and drove south. The two groups meet in Clarksville, Indiana on 9 October.

In 2005, there were no E85 or B20 fueling stations along I-65. With the completion of this project, there will be 31 refueling stations easily accessible from the Interstate. Overall, Indiana now has 123 biofuels refueling locations, Tennessee has 50, Kentucky has 34 and Alabama has 13. Those numbers continue to grow.

The project, which was started in 2006, partially funded infrastructure improvements to allow the sale of E85, B20 or both at fuel retailers along the corridor. Partners in the project include: The US Department of Energy; the Indiana Office of Energy & Defense Development; State of Tennessee BIOTENN Partnership, Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA), Central Indiana Clean Cities Alliance, Inc. (CICCA); South Shore Clean Cities, Inc. (SSCC); Indiana Soybean Alliance (ISA); Indiana Corn Growers Association; America Lung Association of Indiana; Kentucky Clean Fuels Coalition (KCFC); Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition; General Motors; and the Ethanol Promotion and Information Council (EPIC).

The Green Car Web site – United Kingdom

<http://www.thegreencarwebsite.co.uk/blog/index.php/2008/10/13/american-biofuel-corridor-complete/>

American biofuel corridor complete
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The stumbling block to going green has often been the lack of refuelling infrastructure in place - but now drivers along one American interstate have no excuse not to fill up with biofuel.

Interstate 65, which stretches from Gary, Indiana, to Mobile, Alabama, now has E85 ethanol and B20 biodiesel available along its entire 886 mile length. This means that a driver is no more than a quarter of a tank away from a participating E85 retailer.

The project, which has taken \$1.3 million of federal cash, has funded 31 E85 and five B20 stations across the states of Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama as well as one biodiesel blending facility on the Indiana-Ohio border. There are now 19 E85 pumps in Indiana; one in Kentucky; two in Tennessee; while Alabama has eight E85/B20 pumps.

To celebrate the completion of the project, officials and partners conducted a Fall Corridor Drive last week with one group driving north from Mobile and the other starting in Gary and driving south. They then met in Clarksville, Indiana.

The project marks a substantial advancement in the availability of biofuels. As late as 2005, there were no E85 or B20 fuelling stations along I-65. However, now there are 123 in Indiana, 50 in Tennessee, 34 in Kentucky and 13 in Alabama.

Green Diary

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Breathing clean air along the I-65 Biofuels Corridor

One of the pleasures of driving on the interstate highways is the breath of fresh air. The journey is more comfortable when there are several biofuel gas stations along the way, making sure you do not run out of fuel. The launch of the innovative four-state 'biofuels corridor' along Interstate 65 serves both these purposes efficiently. The highway connects the states of Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky and Indiana and hits the Hoosier state at Jeffersonville and Clarksville. The biofuel pumps provide B20 and E85 fuels for vehicles with flexfuel tanks. Several such biofuel corridors are likely to be planned.

Fuel containing 20% biodiesel is called B20 and one with 85% Ethanol is called E85. B20 biodiesel can generally be used in normal diesel engines whereas E85 ethanol is used in engines modified to accommodate higher concentrations of ethanol. As compared to gasoline, E85 decreases greenhouse gas emissions, including the energy required to grow and process corn into ethanol by 15-20%, and shows up to 70% decrease in emissions when cellulose serves as base.

Not only in terms of decreasing emissions, but in terms of economic viability and working towards a green living concept that is widely applicable, increasing the number of biofuels corridor projects is definitely the need of the hour.

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I-65 Biofuels Corridor now officially open in Indiana

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Filed under: Ethanol, Flex-FuelPhoto by antaeon. Licensed under Creative Commons license 2.0.Biofuels are still not available everywhere, but the new I-65 biofuels corridor means that from the Great Lakes to the Gulf Coast it's now possible to get some ethanol into your flexfuel tank. The corridor officially opened on yesterday with events in Indiana marking the end of a two-year project that began with a \$1.3 million grant from the DOE to improve the E85 infrastructure in the Hoosier state. Basically, this means that there are regularly-spaced E85 pumps along I-65 now. Biodiesel, specifical...

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Energy prices undermine economy

By Rep. Ronald Grantland, Guest Columnist

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One of the main problems for regular folks in this troubled economy has been the price of energy.

It impacts our family budgets, drains money from other important purchases, and is a dead weight on our state economy. Whoever the next president will be, he will have to put us on a different road on energy.

Natural gas is way up. The Public Service Commission just gave Alabama Power permission to raise rates by a total of 13 percent because of increased costs. And just look at gasoline prices.

AAA's Fuel Gauge Report shows that the cost of a gallon is currently on the way down, but is still much higher than it was a year ago.

There are some places where it is finally below \$3 but for most of the state it is a half-a-dollar higher than that. The price of crude has gone down and that should drive down prices further, but it still will be expensive and a threat to our family budget. We need something different than petroleum, and soon.

One peek at the future happened last week with the opening of the first "biofuels corridor" in the country, and Alabama was a part of it. Interstate 65, from Mobile all the way up in Indiana, will have stations selling E85 ethanol and B20 biodiesel, located every 100 miles or so along the entire length of the highway. Biofuels are a real opportunity for the future.

Biodiesel can be made from any type of fat or vegetable oil. Ethanol is a distilled, alcohol-based fuel made from things like paper pulp, switchgrass and sugar cane. The growth of these two fuels will have an impact on Alabama; biodiesel is often created from soybeans and ethanol is most often distilled from corn. These two crops are grown in abundance in Alabama.

Biofuels are not some pie-in-the-sky thing either. Current estimates show that there are 110,000 flex-fuel vehicles in Alabama that use ethanol or biodiesel, and sales of the alternative fuels are brisk, according to officials. That is also where the biofuels corridor fits in. The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is offering grants of up to \$50,000 to encourage businesses to install more pumps for biofuels near I-65, with the money coming from a Department of Energy program.

It makes sense that the federal government is helping promote and expand this new energy source. While some may decry the effectiveness of federal efforts, there is a history of success in Alabama when it comes to energy.

Back in the early 1930's, much of our rural state was without electricity. It is hard to fathom now, but often electric lights would end at the edge of the city. The power companies just didn't think it was economically feasible or desirable to bring wire to farms and small towns in rural counties.

In response, Franklin Delano Roosevelt founded the Rural Electrification Administration, making loans and support available to local electric cooperatives, which in many places in Alabama continue to operate the lines and distribute electricity today.

Roosevelt also created the Tennessee Valley Authority, now the nation's largest public power company, which electrified the entire northern part of Alabama. It is readily apparent that these investments by the federal government paid off handsomely, and were critical in the development of Alabama.

Why can't similar investments and direction toward alternative fuels have the same success?

It is time to make new energy investments in Alabama and across the nation, ones that move beyond oil and into things we can control, like agriculture and clean coal.

FDR showed that the federal government can and should help this process.

It is a national security issue as well as an economic and environmental one.

Investment in new energy sources will certainly be good for Alabama.

Henry Countian

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TDOT Announces I-65 as "America's First Biofuels Corridor"
Henry Countian

E85 & B20 Stations Now Operating Along Interstate 65 in Four States

Nashville, TN - Tennessee Department of Transportation Commissioner Gerald Nicely joined officials from Alabama, Kentucky and Indiana and the U.S. Department of Energy today to announce Interstate 65 as "America's First Biofuels Corridor." From the Great Lakes to the Gulf Coast, Americans now have the opportunity to travel the entire I-65 corridor on alternative fuels. The 886 mile I-65 corridor stretches through Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama.

"Tennessee has already been working to make these clean, renewable biofuels available to more motorists traveling in our state," said Governor Phil Bredesen. "I'm pleased to see us join forces with other states to make Interstate 65 the first corridor in the country to make biofuels widely available."

Establishing I-65 as "America's First Biofuels Corridor" began with a \$1.3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy in 2006. To mark the completion of the project, the four states are hosting a number of press events October 7-9, with a final celebration in Clarksville, Indiana, on October 9, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. EDT. Tennessee's event was held Wednesday, October 8 at 2:00 p.m. at the Tri-Star Energy Daily's retail fueling station at 150 Long Hollow Pike in Goodlettsville, where motorists were able to fuel up with E85 for \$1.85 and B20 for \$3.20 from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m.

"Tri-Star Energy is pleased to partner with both the federal and state government to make biofuels a real option at the pump for Middle Tennesseans," said Rob Jewell, Sales Manager for Tri-Star. "We are pleased to offer biofuels at 13 Tri-Star locations."

The two stations in Tennessee which received funding through the Department of Energy grant are the Tri-Star Daily's Station at 150 Long Hollow Pike in Goodlettsville and the Tri-Star Daily's in Green Hills at 4040 Hillsboro Road. The U.S. DOE grant was awarded to the Indiana Office of Energy and Defense Development who worked with the Clean Cities Coalitions in each state to establish biofuels stations.

"The North-South I-65 biofuels corridor project is a testament to the work of multiple state energy offices, local and regional governments, Clean Cities' coordinators, key business partners, and many other stakeholders that were involved," said U.S. D.O.E. Assistant Secretary John Mizroch. "We believe that committed teams like these have the potential to create similar corridors throughout the country."

Currently 40 retail stations in Tennessee offer E85 and/or B20 for a total of 22 E85 pumps and 27 B20 pumps. Several more are slated to open soon.

"In this environment, it is imperative that the state look at other energy options, such as biofuels. Today, through the Governor's BioTenn Initiative and grants like these from the U.S. Department of Energy, we are well on our way toward making biofuels a real option for Tennesseans," said Nicely.

E85, a blend of 85% ethanol and 15% gasoline, may only be used in a flex fuel vehicle. These vehicles are designed to use a range of fuels from gasoline to E85. A guide to determine which vehicles are flex fuel may be found at www.e85fuel.com. B20, a blend of 20% biodiesel and 80% petroleum-based diesel, may be used in any diesel engine with no modification. Ethanol is a distilled alcohol-based fuel derived from grain crops such as corn or biomass. Biodiesel is produced from plants that produce oil, such as soybeans, as well as animal fats and restaurant grease. For more information on biofuels, visit the [Biotenn website](#).

Hoosier Ag Today

http://www.hoosieragtoday.com/wire/news/01566_biocorridor_164727.php

I-65 Biofuels Corridor Drive Begins

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Andy Eubank

The Fall Corridor Drive on I-65 is underway from Northern Indiana to the Gulf of Mexico, as the interstate is now the nation's first biofuels corridor. Flex fuel motorists can travel the route and never be more than a quarter of a tank away from the next E85 fueling station. The three days of celebrations started Tuesday at both ends of the 886-mile corridor, in Mobile, Alabama, and at Family Express near Demotte, Indiana.

Mark Walters from Indiana Corn and the Indiana Soybean Alliance was in Demotte and said it was an important event for Americans and Indiana farmers who help produce the homegrown fuel. "Indiana farmers are proud to be a part of a movement in this country that is slowly but surely lessening our dependence on foreign oil. I think we've developed something here that can be duplicated around the country. We have seen a lot of interest from other states in developing corridors similar to this, and this is how it happens. It's a grassroots movement. A lot of people put a lot of work and money into it, including our farmers, to make this a reality."

Carl Lisek is with one of the partner organizations in the 2-year project, South Shore Clean Cities. Lisek told HAT, "As all of our partners here in the state of Indiana and our other state partners, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama, we're excited about what's transpiring today. What it shows is that we as Americans, as citizens, as businesses, as states, can work together to accomplish some great things."

The project started with a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to expand biofuels infrastructure and Chris Dorman from the Indiana Office of Energy and Defense Development is happy this celebration is finally happening. He said, "It was a conversation, it was an idea, and it's good to see that it actually came to fruition. We really are just promoting simple things that everyone can do to reduce our dependency on foreign oil."

Additional promotional events in Indiana are Wednesday at 9:00 AM EDT at Gas America in Greenwood and the finale at Thornton's in Clarksville Thursday at 3:00 PM Eastern.

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Celebration This Week for I-65 Biofuels Corridor

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Andy Eubank

Indiana's goal of making I-65 an ethanol-friendly interstate within Indiana culminates this week with a celebration of I-65 becoming America's first biofuels corridor. Tuesday begins a 3-day Fall Corridor Drive to mark the completion of the project. Two years ago the state received a \$1.3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to expand biofuels infrastructure so flex-fuel motorists could navigate the entire length of I-65 in Indiana and never be more than a quarter of a tank from the next E85 pump.

Julie Howe from the Indiana Office of Energy and Defense Development says the Indiana plan to fill E85 gaps in Southern Indiana snowballed into a 4-state effort. "Our partners in Kentucky were very interested so we added them on, and then we added Tennessee. At the very end our office contacted the energy office in Alabama to see if they wanted to be a part so we could complete the corridor and truly be an entire corridor from Lake Michigan to the Gulf of Mexico. It will be, once it's completed, the first true national biofuels corridor in the United States."

Just three years ago there were no E85 or B20 fueling stations along I-65. Now there are 31 stations easily accessible along the corridor. The overall list in Indiana has grown to 123. Now the corridor event celebrates readily available biofuels. "We'll start on the same day, both in Mobile, Alabama and up here in Hammond, Indiana and meet in the middle and have one huge finale event." The promotional events in Indiana are at Family Express in Demotte Tuesday starting at 9:00 AM CDT, and in Hammond starting at 2:00 PM Central. Wednesday's celebration starts at 9:00 AM EDT at Gas America in Greenwood, and the finale is at Thornton's in Clarksville Thursday at 3:00 PM Eastern.

Hoosier Ag Today

IDEM Says Air Quality will Benefit from Completed Biofuels Corridor

10/09/2008

Andy Eubank

The Fall Corridor Drive commemorating the nation's first biofuels corridor is complete, wrapping up with a finale event in Clarksville, Indiana Thursday afternoon. Cleaner air was mentioned regularly during the I-65 E85 corridor events from Northern Indiana to Alabama. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management senior transportation and air quality manager, Shawn Seals pointed out the significant emissions benefits when Americans burn E85. He told Hoosier Ag Today, "Hydrocarbons are reduced by 15 percent, oxides of nitrogen are reduced by 10 percent, particulate matter is reduced by 20 percent, and SO₂ is reduced by a whopping 80 percent. So from the standpoint of air quality there is little doubt that there is a significant benefit to the use of E85 over standard petroleum fuel."

Seals noted that use of 85 percent Ethanol fuel supports Indiana and American farmers, and cleaner air, but he also points to another, simplistic approach to the benefits of using E85. He said, "Each and every vehicle that is on the road today that is burning E85 fuel is literally using 85 percent less petroleum based fuel on every trip, everyday, every time. I think that is something in many cases we overlook."

As he talks to more and more Hoosiers Seals has concluded that they really want available supplies of the renewable fuel. "As I do travel the state encouraging people to do things in their daily lives whether they're at home or commuting back and forth to work, this is a prime example of eliminating one of the hurdles that has been out there for so many Indiana citizens. Folks in Indiana do want to burn E85. They know the benefits of it from the standpoint of homegrown renewable fuel. They know there is an air quality benefit to it as well. What they want is the capability to get to it and we're still working towards that path of getting E85 fueling stations in every location across Indiana. And we're making significant gains."

The Huntsville Times

<http://bama.live.advance.net/business/huntsvilletimes/index.ssf?/base/business/1223543762125070.xml&coll=1>

More ethanol stations to hit 65

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Drivers of flex-fuel vehicles also happy with lower prices

ATHENS - The 110,000 Alabamians who drive flex-fuel vehicles finally have more places to fill them up with ethanol.

State officials were in Athens on Wednesday to tout the creation of a string of alternative-fuel stations along Interstate 65 between Limestone County and Mobile. They form the southernmost leg of what is being called the nation's first "biofuels corridor."

Mark Bentley, who heads the nonprofit Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition, said stations selling E85 ethanol and B20 biodiesel will be located every 100 miles or so along the entire length of I-65 from Gary, Ind., to Mobile. The Alabama sites are in Athens, Warrior, Vestavia Hills, Prattville, Montgomery, Brewton and Mobile.

Bentley said sales are brisk at stations that have opened in Mobile, Montgomery and Vestavia Hills. Drivers in Montgomery have pumped 140,000 gallons of biodiesel since Aug. 15, he said.

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I-65 LEADING THE WAY IN BIOFUEL TRAVEL

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I-65 offers biofuel stops from Indiana to Gulf of Mexico

Interstate 65 has become the first “biofuels corridor” in the U.S.

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The Post-Tribune in Gary reported that the breadth of the corridor is fairly wide. An Indiana press conference announcing the corridor was staged at a Gas City station that offers E85 in Hammond, 10 miles from I-65. In general, however, the stations are within four miles of the interstate.

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Drivers of flex-fuel vehicles also happy with lower prices

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<http://bhamterminal.com/blog/2008/10/08/new-biofuels-corridor-update/>
New biofuels corridor almost complete

October 8th, 2008 by Andre Natta

Photo: *Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition's Mark Bentley at this morning's press conference in Vestavia Hills. [acnatta/Flickr](#).*

Last night the I-65 Biofuels Corridor Summit at Ted's Garage provided attendees with a chance to learn more the completion of the first cross-country route that allows owners of FlexFuel vehicles easy access to E85 fuel from Mobile, AL to Gary, IN (where events will be held tomorrow evening). One of those stations is the Shell station located at the intersection of I-65 and U.S. 31 in Vestavia Hills. Earlier today public officials attended a ceremony marking it's designation as one of seven (7) stations offering E85 along the north/south thoroughfare. Drivers that visit that station today, provided your car can run on E85, will be able to fill up on the alternative fuel for \$2.85/gallon.

Representatives from Auburn University, Gulf Coast Energy and General Motors spoke about the various methods for creating the alternative fuels as well as painting a picture of the potential new industry that could develop in the state as a result of the ever emerging and changing field.

We'll have more tomorrow over in our my Birmingham section.

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Biofuel: strides made, work still needed

By DAVID A. MANN

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The costs associated with dispensing ethanol are still high. Demand, while growing, is still relatively low. And the infrastructure that would facilitate motorists' switch to biofuel is still out of reach for many.

Those were among the conclusions delivered Thursday by U.S., state and business officials during a biofuels conference in Jeffersonville.

Despite some of the problems, the usage and market for the plant-based fuel is growing through the efforts of those entities.

The poster child is Interstate 65.

Three years ago, the U.S. Department of Transportation set out to make Interstate 65 — from Indiana to Alabama — the United States first biofuels corridor.

At the end of 2005, there were no E-85 pumps in Indiana, explained Cary Aubry, who works in the state's Office of Energy and Defense.

E-85 is a fuel blend that contains 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline. It can only be used in specially designed flex-fuel vehicles.

A year later, there were 57 pumps. Now, there are 125 pumps, making Indiana third in the nation in the number of those pumps.

"Education is starting to come around. Everybody is starting to understand what this product is," Aubry said.

The growth has been facilitated by a U.S. grant program that helps fuel retailers outfit their stations with E-85 pumps, said Mike Scarpino, Regional Clean Cities Project Manager, with the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Nationwide, there are 1,500 E-85 pumps — many of which are in the Midwest. The project to facilitate that switch was largely related to concerns about the amount of foreign oil being consumed by U.S. drivers.

Americans were upset about the \$700 billion that was authorized last week to bailout Wall Street, Scarpino said.

"We don't even think about the \$400 billion we send overseas year after year [on oil]."

One of the early adopters of the program was Thortons Gas and Petroleum. Though, the adoption has not been without its problems.

Installing E-85 dispensers became a very expensive proposition for the company. And the decision to even bother with it became tougher as questions about the efficiency, viability and marketability of ethanol became a topic of debate.

“If you don’t have any of that information, it’s very difficult to decide to spend tens of thousands on equipment that may not be used,” said Jeff Gallic, vice president of petroleum supply and distribution for the Louisville-based company.

Gallic said the grant program — along with increasing fuel prices — makes it a much easier decision. The company is continuing with the expansion by recently installing new E-85 pumps in the Louisville area.

However, there is no silver-bullet solution for the reduction of gasoline usage, said Brian Hazen, biofuels program manager at General Motors Corp. Its usage is a part of a multipronged approach for the automaker that also includes hybrids, electric cars and hydrogen fuel cell. In the short term, “we see biofuels offering the greatest opportunity to displace a serious amount of petroleum,” he said.

In order for it to take off, however, availability of the fuel will have to increase.

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Tennessee In Motion

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Green Islands Growing in Tennessee

As Texans braced for the impact of Hurricane Ike in September, most Tennesseans had no idea the effect Ike would have on our state. Not since the 1970's have Tennesseans had to wait in long gas lines. The entire scene brought into stark focus Tennessee's major dependence on gasoline.

In this environment, it is imperative that the state look at other energy options, such as biofuels. Today, we are well on our way toward making biofuels a real option for Tennesseans. The Governor's Alternative Fuels Working Group has developed recommendations for a comprehensive alternative fuels strategy for the state and many key pieces to the plan are already in place.

One major initiative has been Tennessee's investment in developing technology to produce ethanol from substances like switchgrass and corn cobs and stalks. It's commonly called cellulosic ethanol. Next week Governor Bredesen will join the University of Tennessee and DuPont Danisco to break ground on a first of its kind pilot-scale ethanol biorefinery. When complete, this facility will produce ethanol in a way that is cheaper than current methods from two different biomass feedstocks - switchgrass and corn stover, which includes corn cobs, leaves, stalks, and fiber.

You may wonder who can use biofuels? Many vehicles on the road today are capable of running on either ethanol or biodiesel. Biodiesel such as B20 can be used in most diesel engines with no modifications, making it an excellent option for diesel drivers, while all gasoline vehicles can run on a 10% ethanol/90% gasoline blend. In addition, almost 90,000 Tennesseans drive flex-fuel vehicles, which are capable of running on either gasoline or an 85% ethanol/15% gasoline blend, or E85. Currently eight major car manufacturers offer 58 different vehicle models that can run on E85. For the most recent list, visit www.e85fuel.com.

TDOT's key role in this effort is helping expand the availability of biofuels. In 2006, TDOT initiated the Green Island Corridor grant program to provide incentives for retail stations to offer biofuels. Today, 40 stations in the state offer biofuels, and many more will be opening soon. Our goal is to establish biofuels stations no more than 100 miles apart along all our major interstates by 2010.

On October 8, we joined Indiana, Kentucky and Alabama to announce Interstate 65 as America's First Biofuels Corridor. Today, a motorist can drive from the Great Lakes to the Gulf Coast entirely on biofuels. The corridor was made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy and a strong partnership with the other states.

Tennessee has some distinct advantages as America strives to meet its current energy challenge. Our central location and quality transportation system make us an important hub, and our universities and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory are leaders in biosciences and bioenergy research. Tennessee is poised to lead the region, if not the nation, in alternative fuels technology.

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Athens becomes latest link in biodiesel 'Clean Corridor'

By Karen Middleton

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Soon it will be possible to drive the 866 miles from Gary, Ind., to Mobile, in vehicles powered solely by biofuels. Wednesday, Athens was officially designated one of five sites in Alabama with stations offering biofuels such as E85 (85 percent Ethanol, 15 percent gasoline) and B20 (20 percent biodiesel, 80 percent petroleum-based diesel).

The others adjacent to Interstate 65 are off exits 1 and 3, which are already open, Exit 69 that will open in December, and Exit 179 at Prattville.

Officials with the Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition and the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs Energy Division, as well as an Indiana official, joined to cut the ribbon at the site of the Athens station on U.S. 72 East.

The station, which according to distributor representative Don Evans of Ford's Fuel of Point Clear, will be up and running by the end of December. The station is to be located just east of Burger King and across from Russell Stover on property owned by Dwight Billions and Allen Shaw.

Evans said that biodiesel is selling for about \$2.86 in Mobile. He said a biodiesel plant being opened in Athens by Beverly and Melvin Kilgore on the old Knight Lumber site off Airport Road would become a part of a network of suppliers for biodiesel fuels to stations along the corridor.

Officials likened the importance of the opening of the corridor to modern transportation to the 1869 opening of the Transcontinental Railroad. They said it also shows the U.S. moving away from dependence on foreign oil.

State District 5 Sen. Parker Griffith, D-Huntsville, who was on hand for Wednesday's ribbon cutting, called the implementation of domestically produced biodiesel fuels a "security issue."

"It's more than miles per gallon," said Griffith. "It's a national security issue. Over the next 120 months we hope to wean off foreign oil. It's not only the cheapest, but it's something that America needs to buy into as good for the whole country. We have to develop that mind set. It's great for Alabama because it can be produced locally and feed our own economy."

Mark Bentley, executive director of the Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition said that the move to biodiesel is about 30 years behind.

“What we didn’t do in the 1970s we are now doing in 2008 and beyond,” said Bentley. “This partnership is important to move things forward in the state. We couldn’t have done this without ADECA’s Energy Division.”

ADECA Executive Director Bill Johnson said, “We are glad to be able to partner with Auburn University in the development of biofuels. Some of the best research in the country is being done there. We have a 60-million-gallon-per-year capacity in Alabama. The link is getting this resource into use. This is where the rubber meets the road. We need to send the profits back to our farmers instead of Mideast countries, many of which don’t appreciate us.”

Eric Burch, communications director of the Indiana Office of Energy and Defense Development, said, “Bringing E85 and B20 pumps to drivers the entire length of I-65 not only promotes the use of cleaner fuels, but takes us closer to the goal of energy independence.”

Northwest Indiana Times

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I-65 nation's first biofuel corridor

BY ROB EARNSHAW

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Interstate 65 is America's first biofuels corridor following the conclusion of a project to make E85 ethanol and B20 biodiesel available along the entire length of the interstate from Gary to Mobile, Ala.

Indiana has been a leader in biofuels accessibility along the I-65 corridor, Gov. Mitch Daniels announced in a news release.

"This initiative is making it even easier for those who travel in Indiana and other states in the heartland to make fueling decisions that have a positive impact on our energy," Daniels said.

Indiana now has 123 biofuels refueling locations, with 31 accessible from the interstate.

To mark completion of the \$1.3 million federal project involving the four states through which I-65 travels -- Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama -- project officials are conducting a drive with a series of celebratory stops at fuel retailers along the corridor. One group began in Mobile while another started in Gary. The two will meet Thursday in Clarksville, Ind., for a final celebration.

Celebratory stops on Tuesday were made at a Family Express in DeMotte and another E85 retailer, Gas City, on Calumet Avenue in Hammond.

"This is a step towards petroleum freedom," said General Motors spokesman Larry Speicher. "It keeps money in the Midwest, not the Mideast."

Although motorists would save money at the pump using E85, there is a drop-off in mileage using the fuel compared to regular gasoline. Speicher said the best he has seen is "15 to 18 percent, the worst, 23 percent." The U.S. Department of Energy estimates that ethanol reduces gasoline prices and saves the typical family from \$150 to \$300 per year.

Department spokesman Mike Scarpino said every gallon of E85 sold is "a gallon that doesn't have to be imported into our country."

Rinnie Watson, of Indianapolis, owns a 2008 Nissan Titan, a vehicle he purchased specifically for its E85 capability. Watson drove down I-65 to visit friends in Chicago and said using E85 "has been great."

"One of the big things about E85 is the availability," he said. "It's gotten better."

E85 can be used in any vehicle designed to use FlexFuels. Ethanol is an alcohol-based alternative fuel made from corn. Ethanol is water soluble, nontoxic and biodegradable. If E85 is not available, a flex-fuel vehicle allows the driver to use any combination of gasoline or ethanol, from 100 percent unleaded gasoline to 85 percent ethanol.

A guide to determine whether a vehicle is FlexFuel ready is available at www.biofuelsindiana.com. To locate E85 pumps in Indiana, visit www.in.gov.

B20 (20 percent biodiesel, 80 percent petroleum-based diesel) may be used in any diesel engine. Biodiesel is produced from soybeans and other plants that produce oil, and is less toxic than table salt and biodegrades as fast as sugar.

Motorists can locate a nearby biodiesel pump by calling (866)-BIODIESEL.

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Interstate 65 Becomes Nation's First Biofuels Corridor

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(Goodlettsville, TN) It's now possible to drive from the southern tip of Lake Michigan to the Gulf of Mexico exclusively on biofuels.

Tennessee Department of Transportation Commissioner Gerald Nicely says Interstate 65 is now the nation's first biofuels corridor.

Stations selling E-85 Ethanol and B-20 Biodiesel are strategically located just off the Interstate throughout Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama.

E-85 will only run in vehicles deemed "flex fuel." However, more automakers are developing vehicles that can run on E-85. B-20 Biodiesel, on the other hand, will run in any vehicle with a diesel engine.

Ed Cole with the Tennessee Department of Transportation says the demand for E-85 ethanol is growing.

Mike Scarpino with the U.S. Department of Energy says building vehicles that run on E-85 Ethanol helps to lessen the country's dependence on foreign oil.

Post Tribune

I-65 'official' biofuel corridor

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October 8, 2008

Erik Potter Post-Tribune staff writer

HAMMOND -- Heading south for the winter just got easier for drivers with ethanol-burning cars.

State officials said Tuesday that Interstate 65 is the nation's first "biofuels corridor."

This means you can take your "flex fuel" vehicle that runs on E85 ethanol or regular gasoline and fill up with the cheaper, cleaner E85 across the entire length of the interstate, from Gary to the Gulf of Mexico.

Thanks to a \$3.1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy, 31 gas stations along

I-65 have at least one pump that carries the alternative fuel, and 19 of those stations are in Indiana. The idea is to be no more than a quarter tank away from an E85 station.

"The Department of Energy was really wanting to push (E85) infrastructure across the nation, especially through corridors," said Chris Dorman, an education coordinator at the Indiana Office of Energy and Defense Development, explaining how the project got started.

Two years ago, the state energy department looked at the different transportation corridors in the state and decided to make a pitch for I-65. "We had talks with Kentucky, and they were on board with it. Then we talked with Tennessee and they liked it as well. At that time, Alabama didn't have much E85 at all, but we pitched it to them and they thought it was a good idea, too," Dorman said.

It can cost anywhere from \$100,000 to \$250,000 to add an E85 pump to an existing gas station. Working through the not-for-profit Clean Cities program, the state has been able to give \$25,000 to each station to pay for its E85 pump.

The pumps have been added over the past two years and sales have been growing rapidly along the corridor; the 19 Indiana stations serving I-65 reported E85 sales had tripled in the past six months.

New signs will debut in a couple weeks, Dorman said, pointing out to motorists which stations carry the E85 blend and where they are.

The breadth of the E85 "corridor" is rather wide. The press conference Tuesday announcing the corridor was at the Gas City station in Hammond on Calumet Avenue, 10 miles from Interstate 65.

In general, however, the stations are within four miles of the interstate.

Dave Christopher, Gas City's vice president of marketing, said he first knew that alternative fuels would be an important part of the gas station industry a few years ago when gas prices went "through the roof, up past \$2 a gallon."

Gas City went from no E85 stations three years ago to 30 today, with E85 totaling three to 4 percent of the company's sales.

Christopher expects that share to climb as more flex fuel vehicles are sold.

With the recent fall in gas prices, the gap between the two fuels has narrowed some. The pump prices at Gas City on Tuesday were \$3.59 for regular 87 octane gasoline and \$3.19 for E85.

PR NewWire

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INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 6 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The opening of a four-state "biofuels corridor" along Interstate 65 is good news for supporters of clean air, said the American Lung Association of Indiana. On Tuesday, October 7, a series of special events and promotions in three states will officially mark the completion of the two-year project which began with a \$1.3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to expand biofuels infrastructure in the Hoosier State. Drivers of flexible fuel vehicles can now travel the entire length of I-65 in Indiana and the next E85 station with a quarter of a tank to spare.

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I-65 "Official" Biofuel Corridor

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(Chicago Post-Tribune, October 8, 2008)

Renewable Energy World

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Interstate 65 Is America's First Biofuels Corridor
Indianapolis, United States [RenewableEnergyWorld.com]

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-- Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels

This is the result of a US \$1.3 million federal project that involved Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama, the four states through which I-65 travels. In 2005, there were no E85 or B20 fueling stations along I-65. With the completion of this project, there are 31 refueling stations easily accessible from the Interstate. Overall, Indiana now has 123 biofuels refueling locations, Tennessee has 50, Kentucky has 34 and Alabama has 13. Those lists continue to expand.

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Partners in the project include the U.S. Department of Energy, General Motors and the Ethanol Promotion and Information Council.

Reuters

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American Lung Association of Indiana: Hoosiers Can Now Drive 'Green and Clean' on the I-65 Biofuels Corridor

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The I-65 Biofuels Corridor, with some of the station locations marked on the map (the numbers refer to the timeline of events on the promotional drive.) Click to enlarge. Interstate 65 is now “America’s First Biofuels Corridor” with the conclusion...

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I-65 Biofuels Corridor Project to Wrap Up

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Alabama: E85 Station Coming to Athens Soon

Property along I-65 at Highway 72 in Athens will soon be a place to fill up. But it won't be your average gas station. 'Much cheaper. Not as much octane rating. Not as much energy in a gallon, but it's significantly cheaper,' said Bill Johnson, Executive Director...

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Drive on Biofuels from Chicago to New Orleans

By Tom Kimmerer on October 9, 2008

Kentucky is one of the states along the new I-65 Biofuels Corridor, stretching the entire 885 miles of the interstate from Chicago to New Orleans. The goal of the corridor is to locate E85 Ethanol gas stations along the corridor so that a driver is never more than a quarter tank away from fuel. There are 19 stations in Indiana, 1 in Kentucky, 3 in Tennessee, and 6 in Alabama. Alabama also has 7 B20 biodiesel stations.

The Kentucky station is a Thornton's at 2700 Fern Valley Rd., Louisville. This is the first station in the Louisville area to carry E85 fuel.

The I-65 corridor plan started with an effort in Indiana to promote E85. Indiana is a major source of ethanol from corn. The state received a \$1.3 million grant from the US Department of Energy to expand biofuels infrastructure.

E85 is a blend of 85% ethanol and 15% gasoline, and is defined as an alternative fuel by the US Department of Energy.

B20 is a blend of 20% biodiesel and 80% petroleum diesel. Because biodiesel is not yet as widely available or abundant as ethanol, a 20% blend was developed to facilitate commercialization while ensuring adequate supply.

Domestic Fuel News - Fill 'er up with biodiesel & ethanol on I-65

Indiana Office of Energy and Defense Development - a rich resource for information on the I-65 biofuels corridor.

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Breathing clean air along the I-65 Biofuels Corridor

One of the pleasures of driving on the interstate highways is the breath of fresh air. The journey is more comfortable when there are several biofuel gas stations along the way, making sure you do not run out of fuel. The launch of the innovative.

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From Chicago to Gulf, I-65 goes green with biofuel stations
By CHRISTINA E. SANCHEZ • *Staff Writer* • October 9, 2008

Interstate 65 is going green — all 886 miles of it.

Owners of vehicles that run on biofuel — a gasoline alternative made from plants — can drive from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico and have stations to fill up at all along the way.

The highway, including the section that runs through Middle Tennessee, is America's first biofuel corridor. At least 31 stations along the interstate will sell the alternative fuels Ethanol 85 and Biodiesel 20, state and federal officials announced Wednesday.

The four stations along I-65 in Tennessee are in Goodlettsville, Green Hills, Columbia and Lewisburg.

"We are trying to lessen our dependency on foreign oil with domestically produced oils," said Mike Scarpino, a project manager for the U.S. Department of Energy.

"You can go from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico and do the whole thing on E85. You'll never be more than a quarter of a tank from the next station."

The federal agency awarded a \$1.3 million grant in 2006 to Indiana, spawning a four-state effort along with Tennessee, Alabama and Kentucky to establish the alternative fuel corridor.

"This will serve as a model for the rest of the country," Scarpino said.

Tennessee gets involved

Tennessee has been investing in alternative fuel for at least two years. Officials will break ground Tuesday on a refinery to produce biofuel in Vonore in East Tennessee.

Gov. Phil Bredesen created a \$72.6 million plan to invest in the homegrown fuels. The money will go toward increasing the state's fleet of flex-fuel vehicles, expand fuel locations and create more stock to produce the fuel.

Bredesen's plan focuses on creating a type of ethanol made from plant material such as switch grass or wood chips instead of foodstuffs like corn.

The shift toward more non-food-based ethanol grew out of controversy that increased ethanol production increased prices for corn and other crops used to make the fuel. Many of the alternative-fuel stations will sell ethanol derived from food crops until alternatives can be developed.

More than 40 stations statewide already provide biofuels to an estimated 90,000 flex-fuel vehicles, which can burn alternative fuels or gasoline. Nationwide there 7 million biofuel-capable vehicles on the road.

"The governor's goal is to have a station at least every 100 miles by 2010," said Julie A. Oaks, spokeswoman for the Tennessee Department of Transportation. "If you use biofuel in your car it puts money back into the American economy instead of sending money elsewhere."

The Department of Energy estimates that \$8 billion a week is spent to import oil.

"That's about \$400 billion a year that we could keep in the United States," Scarpino said. "But many people don't even realize their vehicle can use E85."

About 55 different types of vehicles can run on E85, a mix of 85 percent Ethanol and 15 percent gasoline, or biodiesel, which combines petroleum-based diesel with a plant based version. Toyota Tundra, Mercedes C230 sedan and Ford Explorer are among the biofuel capable vehicles.

Gas station owners can apply for grants from TDOT and DOE to purchase or convert equipment to sell biofuels. Across the country 1,500 stations sell E85 and B20, but that dwarfs the 300,000 that offer regular petroleum gasoline.

"We've got our work cut out for us," Scarpino said. "The more stations we get out there, the more vehicles that can run on biofuel and the less dependency there will be on foreign oils."

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TDOT Joins Kentucky, Alabama and Indiana to Announce I-65 as
“America’s First Biofuels Corridor”

Posted by Transportation on Wednesday, October 8th, 2008

E85 & B20 Stations Now Operating Along Interstate 65 in Four States

Nashville, TN – Tennessee Department of Transportation Commissioner Gerald Nicely joined officials from Alabama, Kentucky and Indiana and the U.S. Department of Energy today to announce Interstate 65 as “America’s First Biofuels Corridor.” From the Great Lakes to the Gulf Coast, Americans now have the opportunity to travel the entire I-65 corridor on alternative fuels. The 886 mile I-65 corridor stretches through Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama.

“Tennessee has already been working to make these clean, renewable biofuels available to more motorists traveling in our state,” said Governor Phil Bredesen. “I’m pleased to see us join forces with other states to make Interstate 65 the first corridor in the country to make biofuels widely available.”

Establishing I-65 as “America’s First Biofuels Corridor” began with a \$1.3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy in 2006. To mark the completion of the project, the four states are hosting a number of press events October 7-9, with a final celebration in Clarksville, Indiana, on October 9, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. EDT. Tennessee’s event was held Wednesday, October 8 at 2:00 p.m. at the Tri-Star Energy Daily’s retail fueling station at 150 Long Hollow Pike in Goodlettsville, where motorists were able to fuel up with E85 for \$1.85 and B20 for \$3.20 from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m.

“Tri-Star Energy is pleased to partner with both the federal and state government to make biofuels a real option at the pump for Middle Tennesseans,” said Rob Jewell, Sales Manager for Tri-Star. “We are pleased to offer biofuels at 13 Tri-Star locations.”

The two stations in Tennessee which received funding through the Department of Energy grant are the Tri-Star Daily’s Station at 150 Long Hollow Pike in Goodlettsville and the Tri-Star Daily’s in Green Hills at 4040 Hillsboro Road. The U.S. DOE grant was awarded to the Indiana Office of Energy and Defense Development who worked with the Clean Cities Coalitions in each state to establish biofuels stations.

“The North-South I-65 biofuels corridor project is a testament to the work of multiple state energy offices, local and regional governments, Clean Cities’ coordinators, key business partners, and many other stakeholders that were involved,” said U.S. D.O.E. Assistant Secretary John Mizroch. “We believe that committed teams like these have the potential to create similar corridors throughout the country.”

Currently 40 retail stations in Tennessee offer E85 and/or B20 for a total of 22 E85 pumps and 27 B20 pumps. Several more are slated to open soon.

“In this environment, it is imperative that the state look at other energy options, such as biofuels. Today, through the Governor’s BioTenn Initiative and grants like these from the U.S. Department of Energy, we are well on our way toward making biofuels a real option for Tennesseans,” said Nicely.

E85, a blend of 85% ethanol and 15% gasoline, may only be used in a flex fuel vehicle. These vehicles are designed to use a range of fuels from gasoline to E85. A guide to determine which vehicles are flex fuel may be found at www.e85fuel.com. B20, a blend of 20% biodiesel and 80% petroleum-based diesel, may be used in any diesel engine with no modification. Ethanol is a distilled alcohol-based fuel derived from grain crops such as corn or biomass. Biodiesel is produced from plants that produce oil, such as soybeans, as well as animal fats and restaurant grease. For more information on biofuels, visit the [Biotenn website](#).

The Terminal

New biofuels corridor almost complete

October 8th, 2008

by Andre Natta

Fuels Coalition's Mark Bentley at this morning's press conference in Vestavia Hills. Last night the I-65 Biofuels Corridor Summit at Ted's Garage provided attendees with a chance to learn more the completion of the first cross-country route that allows owners of FlexFuel vehicles easy access to E85 fuel from Mobile, AL to Gary, IN (where events will be held tomorrow evening). One of those stations is the Shell station located at the intersection of I-65 and U.S. 31 in Vestavia Hills. Earlier today public officials attended a ceremony marking it's designation as one of seven (7) stations offering E85 along the north/south thoroughfare. Drivers that visit that station today, provided your car can run on E85, will be able to fill up on the alternative fuel for \$2.85/gallon.

Representatives from Auburn University, Gulf Coast Energy and General Motors spoke about the various methods for creating the alternative fuels as well as painting a picture of the potential new industry that could develop in the state as a result of the ever emerging and changing field. We'll have more tomorrow over in our my Birmingham section.

Times Daily

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Biofuel symposium draws attention to alternative energy options

By Kenda Williams - Staff Writer

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FLORENCE -- In an effort to look forward with environmental issues such as saving fossil fuels, area experts and community members gathered at a Biofuel Symposium at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library on Wednesday.

Ralph Burroughs, project director for research and technology applications at TVA, talks about how biofuels fit into TVA's mission during a Biofuel Symposium sponsored by the Shoals Environmental Alliance.

Hosted by the Shoals Environmental Alliance, three speakers discussed biofuel resources options available to Alabama and where the future lies locally and for the state.

"Biofuels have the potential to bring a lot of economic development to the (Tennessee River) Valley," said Ralph Boroughs, project director for research and technology applications at the Tennessee Valley Authority in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Boroughs said biofuels also improve air quality by reducing air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

"With biofuels, we have many more potential fuel sources, including domestic," Boroughs said, adding that the expanded fuel options would make us less dependent on a few Middle Eastern sources for fuel.

Ernst Cebert, assistant research professor in the department of natural resources and environmental sciences at Alabama A&M University, said the university has conducted extensive research in biofuels, especially the canola plant.

"It's a crop that has proven to be a good winter crop in the South," Cebert said.

He said soybeans are the primary crop used to create biodiesel in the United States.

"Interest in canola in the state has skyrocketed," he said. "The potential for the crop is slowly gaining ground."

Biofuels don't necessarily solve all environmental problems, Boroughs said, but added it would help with energy conservation and improved energy efficiency.

Mark Bentley, executive director of the Alabama Clean Fuels

Coalition in Birmingham, said the future is looking better for greater accessibility to renewable forms of energy.

"It's really the beginning of the lifecycle of biofuels for this country," Bentley said.

Local governments, he said, are joining forces and trying to bring about change and building more biofuel options within the state.

Florence Mayor Bobby Irons said the city has already investigated alternative fueling resources for government vehicles.

"This is our future. We really have to be serious about our biofuels and fossil fuels," Irons said. "We've been looking and trying to prepare the city for how to get equipment for alternative fuels and move our equipment over to those capabilities."

There are four operating biodiesel plants in Alabama; there are no ethanol plants, but that's changing throughout the state, Bentley said.

The U.S. Department of Energy has created a Clean Corridor program and will award a grant to install six retail E-85 and five biodiesel refueling facilities along Interstate-65 in Alabama.

"It will provide public access to alternative fuels from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico," Bentley said. "It will be a big benefit to the State of Alabama."

Jeremy Rogers, president of North Alabama Biodiesel, said his company has plans to locate a biodiesel plant in Florence by October 2007.

"We're forming a co-op so individuals can purchase directly from us," Rogers said.

Dorothy Craven, of Waterloo, attended the symposium and said she is interested in seeing more happen locally with biofuels.

"I think we need to take much better care of our planet and need to do that quickly," she said. "I learned that there are a lot more available alternative energy resources out there."

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I-65 becomes first 'Biofuels Corridor'

10/14/2008

GARY, Ind. -- Interstate 65 has been designated America's first "biofuels corridor," with E85 ethanol-blend gasoline and B20 biodiesel-blend diesel available all along the interstate route.

Biodiesel blends are available the entire 886-mile length of the Interstate, from Gary, Ind., to Mobile, Ala. There will also be a biodiesel blending facility on the Indiana-Ohio border.

According to published reports, this is the result of a \$1.3 million federal project that involved Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama, the four states through which I-65 travels.

In 2005, there were no E85 or B20 fueling stations along I-65. With the completion of this project, there are 31 refueling stations easily accessible from the Interstate, with more planned.

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Biofuel: strides made, work still needed

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Oct 10, 2008 (The Evening News and the Tribune - McClatchy-Tribune Information Services via COMTEX) -- [GM](#) | [Quote](#) | [Chart](#) | [News](#) | [PowerRating](#) -- The costs associated with dispensing ethanol are still high. Demand, while growing, is still relatively low. And the infrastructure that would facilitate motorists' switch to biofuel is still out of reach for many.

Those were among the conclusions delivered Thursday by U.S., state and business officials during a biofuels conference in Jeffersonville.

Despite some of the problems, the usage and market for the plant-based fuel is growing through the efforts of those entities.

The poster child is Interstate 65.

Three years ago, the U.S. Department of Transportation set out to make Interstate 65 -- from Indiana to Alabama -- the United States first biofuels corridor.

At the end of 2005, there were no E-85 pumps in Indiana, explained Cary Aubry, who works in the state's Office of Energy and Defense.

E-85 is a fuel blend that contains 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline. It can only be used in specially designed flex-fuel vehicles.

A year later, there were 57 pumps. Now, there are 125 pumps, making Indiana third in the nation in the number of those pumps.

"Education is starting to come around. Everybody is starting to understand what this product is," Aubry said.

The growth has been facilitated by a U.S. grant program that helps fuel retailers outfit their stations with E-85 pumps, said Mike Scarpino, Regional Clean Cities Project Manager, with the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Nationwide, there are 1,500 E-85 pumps -- many of which are in the Midwest. The project to facilitate that switch was largely related to concerns about the amount of foreign oil being consumed by U.S. drivers.

Americans were upset about the \$700 billion that was authorized last week to bailout Wall Street, Scarpino said.

"We don't even think about the \$400 billion we send overseas year after year [on oil]."

One of the early adopters of the program was Thortons Gas and Petroleum. Though, the adoption has not been without its problems.

Installing E-85 dispensers became a very expensive proposition for the company. And the decision to even bother with it became tougher as questions about the efficiency, viability and marketability of ethanol became a topic of debate.

"If you don't have any of that information, it's very difficult to decide to spend tens of thousands on equipment that may not be used," said Jeff Gallic, vice president of petroleum supply and distribution for the Louisville-based company.

Gallic said the grant program -- along with increasing fuel prices -- makes it a much easier decision. The company is continuing with the expansion by recently installing new E-85 pumps in the Louisville area.

However, there is no silver-bullet solution for the reduction of gasoline usage, said Brian Hazen, biofuels program manager at General Motors Corp. Its usage is a part of a multipronged approach for the automaker that also includes hybrids, electric cars and hydrogen fuel cell.

In the short term, "we see biofuels offering the greatest opportunity to displace a serious amount of petroleum," he said.

In order for it to take off, however, availability of the fuel will have to increase.

GLOSSARY

--Ethanol -- An alcohol-based alternative fuel made from corn or other crops.

--E-85 -- A fuel blend that contains 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline. It can only be used in specially designed flex-fuel vehicles.

--Flex-fuel vehicle -- A vehicle specially designed to run on any ethanol blend up to 85 percent ethanol. Special on-board diagnostics read the fuel blend, enabling drivers to fuel with E85 or gasoline in any combination. The computer adjusts the vehicle's fuel injection and ignition timing to compensate for the different fuel mixtures.

-- Indiana Department of Agriculture

LOCAL E-85 PUMPS

--Makowski Oil, 1626 Fabrice Blvd., Jeffersonville

Trucking Information Blog

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I-65 Becomes First 'Biofuels Corridor'

10/14/2008

I-65 is being touted as America's first "biofuels corridor," with E85 ethanol-blend gasoline and B20 biodiesel-blend diesel available all along the interstate route.

Biodiesel blends are available the entire length of the Interstate, from Gary, Ind., to Mobile, Ala.

According to published reports, this is the result of a \$1.3 million federal project that involved Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama, the four states through which I-65 travels. In 2005, there were no E85 or B20 fueling stations along I-65. With the completion of this project, there are 31 refueling stations easily accessible from the Interstate, with more planned.

Tuscaloosa News

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Gov. Bob Riley has agreed with Mississippi and Louisiana to help speed gasoline and diesel fuel shipments into Alabama, Riley's office said. The agreement waives certain regulations for Alabama-based trucks hauling gasoline and diesel fuel from Louisiana to Alabama.

"Although the situation has improved, there are still some Alabama communities that are facing fuel shortages due to the damage caused by recent hurricanes in the Gulf," he said. "This agreement allows us to take sensible action to ease the burden some drivers face in finding fuel for their vehicles, especially in our rural areas."

The agreement applies only to Alabama-based trucks obtaining gasoline and diesel fuel from bonded suppliers in Louisiana, Riley said. Trucks must be marked with prominent windshield signs stating "Hurricane Motor Fuels Transport Relief." Some areas of Alabama have fuel shortages lingering from Hurricane Gustav.

Ethanol more available

Even though your car or truck, especially newer models, may be able to run on 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline, you might not have filled up with E85 fuel or B20 biodiesel fuel before because, until recently, it has not been available. That's changing with E85 stations at Interstate 65 exits in Athens, Hoover and Prattville. The state is trying to get more E85 pumps, and on Tuesday a meeting will be held to discuss alternative fuel.

General Motors, the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs and the Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition are sponsoring a conference on biofuels in conjunction with the opening of America's First Biofuels Corridor from 5:30 to

7 p.m. at Ted's Garage in Birmingham,

ADECA said. The I-65 Biofuels Corridor means cross-country availability of E85 ethanol and B20 biodiesel fuel. It stretches from Lake Michigan to the Gulf of Mexico. ADECA said completion of the corridor means a motorist will not be more than a quarter of a tank away from an E85 or B20 pump. Panelists will talk about the next generation of ethanol and about research and development in the Southeast and Alabama.

Speakers will be Candace Wheeler, technical fellow, General Motors' Research and Development Center; Larry Fillmer, executive director, Auburn University Natural Resources Management and Development Institute; and Mark L. Warner, president and CEO, Gulf Coast Energy Inc., ADECA said.

Quote of the week

"If you view the economy as a physical body the financial services industry is the heart and there's trouble in the aortic valve, a blockage in the credit market, and that affects every aspect of our economy if there's not a sufficient flow of credit throughout the economy," said Robert Brooks, a finance professor at the University of Alabama, discussing the proposed \$700 billion financial industry bailout.

Administrator named

Boyd Kelly, government affairs director for the Alabama Forestry Association and administrator of the ForestFund workers compensation insurance fund for the forest products industry, has been named full-time administrator of the ForestFund, the association said. Kelly has been with the Forestry Association for 31 years.

The ForestFund board of trustees voted to restructure the fund, created in 1969 to provide workers' compensation insurance. Today, it's an \$18 million fund covering more than 800 members, the association said.

Kelly, who had served as part-time administrator, and Mike Moore, who had been part-time fund accountant, will now be full-time. The fund also will get an underwriter and a marketing director, the association said. "While change may not always be easy, it is a necessary part of what we do," said Forestry Association Executive Director Chris Isaacson.

NASA bill on Bush's desk

President Bush has NASA reauthorization legislation important to north Alabama on his desk. U.S. Rep. Bud Cramer, D-Ala., said the House passed reauthorization legislation last weekend at a funding level of \$20.2 billion. The legislation originally passed the House but was amended by the Senate. The House approved the Senate change on Sept. 27.

"I am proud that the Congress voted to send this legislation to the president before my final term in Congress ends," Cramer said. "I am pleased that one of my final votes in Congress will give NASA the resources it needs to sustain programs and research initiatives that are critical to keeping America at the forefront of space exploration." NASA has a major facility in Huntsville, the Marshall Space Flight Center. Cramer is retiring from Congress in January after 18 years.

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Alabama part of biofuel corridor

By Dana Beyerle Montgomery Bureau Chief

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PRATTVILLE | Alabama on Tuesday joined the Interstate 65 Biofuels Corridor, a stretch of 886 miles from Lake Michigan to the Gulf of Mexico that will feature service stations selling alternative gasoline and diesel fuel.

At events in Prattville and Mobile on Tuesday, the Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition promoted Alabama's availability of biofuels designed to cut dependence on foreign energy sources and provide markets for corn, soybeans and other plant material. Similar events were planned for today in Athens and Vestavia Hills and in three other states.

'Increasing the availability of biofuels is the right thing to do for our environment, our economy and our national security,' Gov. Bob Riley said in a statement.

At a USA Travel Center in Prattville, where biofuel was touted at a news conference, station manager Beverly Cillery said both E85-ethanol and B20 biodiesel will be available by Thanksgiving. 'There will be signs posted at the exits and signs at the service stations,' Cillery said.

E85-ethanol is a blend of 85 percent ethanol made from plants or grain, and 15 percent unleaded gasoline. It can only be used in vehicles that are designated for flex fuel or E85-ethanol.

B20 biodiesel is made from animal fat or vegetable oil and can be used in vehicles that run on diesel fuel. It can also be blended with petroleum-based diesel fuel.

In Alabama, biofuel will be available at I-65 exits in Athens, Vestavia Hills, Montgomery and Mobile by Jan. 1. Biofuel is available now in some locations, including in Tuscaloosa, Vestavia Hills and Mobile, officials said. A national Web site, www.e85fuel.com, lists biofuel locations.

Mark Bentley, executive director of the Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition, said E85-ethanol was \$2.85 a gallon in Mobile, 44 cents less than unleaded regular gasoline at an independent station near the Prattville news conference location.

He said E85-ethanol burns cleaner than gasoline, but it does not have quite the performance as gasoline. He said the lower price makes up for the shortfall in performance.

Bentley said the goal is to have eight biofuel pumps in Alabama open by Jan. 1 along the I-65 Biofuels Corridor. He said the corridor will have biofuel pumps no more than one-quarter fuel tank apart.

Station owners were able to obtain grants of \$20,000 to install one alternative fuel pump, or \$50,000 to install both E85-ethanol and B20 diesel pumps, he said.

WAAY-TV ABC 31, Huntsville

More Bio Fuels For Alabama

Oct 7, 2008

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WAFF-TV NBC 48, Huntsville

Clean Corridor Taking Shape

Oct 8, 2008

Video link: <http://www.waff.com/global/story.asp?s=9148588>

Clean Corridor to come to Athens

With gasoline and diesel setting price records, drivers are pushing for cleaner, cheaper fuels. Wednesday the Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition was in the Valley to open a new clean corridor. Limestone county is part of that corridor. You'll soon see a biofuel station open up in Athens. It's part of a state-wide effort to provide an alternative to gasoline and regular diesel. We all know the biohazards from contemporary fuel sources.

With the snip of the scissors, the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs and the Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition are joining forces in a movement to clean up our air.

Mark Bentley is the Executive Director, "This corridor is going to be available to consumers to purchase either the e-85 ethanol or b20 biodiesel within a quarter of a gas tank anywhere along the way."

This location just off Interstate 65 will house one of many fueling stations. There will be thirty-two E-85 stops and eight biodiesel pumps. One fuel is 85-percent ethanol, 15-percent gasoline. Another is b20 biodiesel, "Both fuels, the e-85 ethanol and the b20 biodiesel are extremely environmentally friendly. Both have lower emissions, and greenhouse gasses." The "I-65 Clean Corridor" is a 4-state project, "Both are also, the majority of them, are domestically made, so maybe we don't have to import them from a country that doesn't like us. And it's good for the agricultural industry and economic development in the state of Alabama."

This group is making the trek from the Alabama Gulf all the way north to Gary, Indiana.

You can email Bobby at bshuttlworth@waff.com

WALA-TV FOX 10, Mobile

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American Lung Association of Indiana: Hoosiers Can Now Drive 'Green and Clean' on the I-65 Biofuels Corridor

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SOURCE American Lung Association of Indiana

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Indiana joins Biofuel Corridor

WEST LAFAYETTE, IN (2008-10-10) Interstate-65 in Indiana is officially part of the nation's first Biofuel Corridor.

Along the nearly 900-miles of the interstate, there are about 30-gas stations with E-85 fuel.

More than half of those are in Indiana.

The Biofuel Corridor has been a two-year-long project with some funding from a three-million-dollar federal grant.

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National Alternative Fuels Day – West Virginia University

http://www.nationalafvday.org/2ndlevel/events/ie/in_08.html

I-65 American's BioFuels Corridor U.S. Department of Energy/Indiana Office of Energy and Defense Development- Lead Partner/Central Indiana Clean Cities Alliance, Inc./South Shore Clean Cities, Inc./Indiana Soybean Alliance/Indiana Corn Alliance/General Motors/EPIC/American Lung Association of Indiana

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By Ellis Eskew, NewsChannel 19 Reporter

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WHNT-TV CBS 19, Huntsville

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Ethanol – **wordpress.com**

<http://wordpress.com/tag/ethanol/>

Breathing clean air along the I-65 Biofuels Corridor

One of the pleasures of driving on the interstate highways is the breath of fresh air. The journey is more comfortable when there are several biofuel gas stations along the way, making sure you do not run out of fuel. The launch of the innovative four-state 'biofuels corridor' along Interstate 65 serves both these purposes efficiently. The highway connects the states of Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky and Indiana and hits the Hoosier state at Jeffersonville and Clarksville. The biofuel pumps provide B20 and E85 fuels for vehicles with flexfuel tanks. Several such biofuel corridors are likely to be planned.

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TDOT Announces Biofuels Corridor On I-65

Wednesday, October 08th, 2008

By Daniel Potter

Drivers of flex-fuel vehicles can now count on a biofuel station being about every 80 miles on Interstate 65.

Transportation officials in four states are touting the new I-65 Biofuels Corridor, which runs from Gary, Indiana to Mobile, Alabama.

TDOT Chief of Environment and Planning Ed Cole says the project is part of a greater initiative to put more Tennesseans on the road with ethanol or biodiesel by 2010.

“And the governor’s idea from the beginning is that you would never have to drive more than a hundred miles on any Interstate and not have access to alternative fuels. That’s the target we’re using.”

But for the time being, it’s not going to be easy for flex-fuel drivers to find stations with alternative fuels. With no signage and relatively sparse service, they’ll have to plan ahead to find a biofuel station.

There are 31 such stations along the 885 miles of I-65.

WEB EXTRA:

Cole says the state eventually aims to have alternative fuel stations every hundred miles on Interstates throughout Tennessee. He says currently about 90,000 vehicles in the state can run on either biodiesel or E85, which is up to 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline. B20 biodiesel can power any diesel engine.

Alternative fuel stations in the state are listed [here](#).

National listings are [here](#).

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I-65 Becomes U.S's First Biofuels Corridor

40 Tenn. Stations Offer E85, B20

Reported By Cynthia Williams

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WSMV-TV

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Your Renewables

Biofuels to make debut at Mobile gas stations

Monday, Sep 29, 2008

New E85 and B20 biodiesel pumps will open Friday at two gas stations in Mobile.

The new alternative fuel pumps are part of the Clean Corridor Initiative to make Interstate 65 the nations first biofuels corridor.

The plan is to ensure that owners of flexible fuel vehicles will never be more than a quarter tank away from an E85 or biodiesel pump on I-65.

The station owner will offer E85 for 85 cents a gallon from 11 a.m. to noon. The rest of the day, motorists will pay \$2.85 a gallon for the plant-based alternative fuel.

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Your Street

<http://www.yourstreet.com/news/4323288/consortium-opens-13-biofuel-stations-in-alabama#/news/4323288/consortium-opens-13-biofuel-stations-in-alabama>

Birmingham News

Consortium open 13 biofuel stations in Alabama

Work is now complete on making Interstate 65, which runs through Alabama, the nation's first biofuels corridor.